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RANGE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Camp Sumter Sport Shooting Association (CSSSA) welcomes you to our range facility in Andersonville, Georgia. We hope you enjoy participation in the shooting sports, and enjoy your time at our facility. For the purposes of these Rules, a Range Safety Officer (RSO) is any person that has been trained in firearms range safety by the NRA or other national or international organization, such as USPSA, IDPA, SASS, etc. RSOs may utilize non-trained persons, who in the RSO's opinion are qualified to assist the RSO with range safety procedures and have been approved by the Chief Range Safety officer. The Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) is an NRA specially trained firearms range safety officer. The CRSO is in charge of overall range safety. All range safety decisions by the CRSO, including expulsion from the range, are final and binding.

SAFETY. *Safety* is, above all, the primary concern of everyone at CSSSA. No deviation from these safety rules will be permitted at anytime. Deviation from these safety rules will result in immediate expulsion from the CSSSA range. The following Safety Rules and Range Protocols are adopted by the Board of Directors of CSSSA, and are intended to address all forms of shooting, including pistol, rifle and shotgun, both informally and in formal competition.

COLD RANGE. The first, and principal, safety rule is that this is a COLD RANGE. Make sure all firearms are unloaded before you arrive at the range, and remain unloaded at all times except when you are permitted by a RSO to load your firearm preparatory to firing. Under NO circumstances are firearms to be handled except:

- (1) In a designated Safety Area in which no ammunition is permitted, or
- (2) When permitted by a RSO to prepare your firearm for firing, or
- (3) On a firing line or other designated shooting area, or
- (4) When transporting a firearm with an open chamber indicator or the breach is open for all present to see that the firearm is both unloaded and disabled.

A **loaded firearm** is one with a live round in the chamber or cylinder or a loaded magazine inserted in the gun. For safety reasons, a firearm which may prove later to be unloaded, but which is closed so that its loaded or unloaded status cannot be visually confirmed, is considered to be a loaded firearm and not in compliance with this rule.

USE OF SAFETY AREA. Designated Safety Areas are conveniently located for the use of shooters. Safety Areas are assigned to allow casing and uncasing, examination of firearms, and repair of firearms. Under no circumstances may firearms be loaded in the Safety Area, even with dummy rounds or empty cases. No ammunition may be handled in the Safety Area under any circumstances.

CASING/ASSEMBLY ISSUES. No firearm may be cased or uncased, assembled or disassembled, except in a designated Safety Area, or on a firing point on the rifle or pistol range. The practice of assembly or disassembly, or casing or uncasing, shotguns at the owner's vehicle preparatory to shooting skeet is specifically prohibited. All assembly or disassembly, casing or uncasing of all firearms, including shotguns, shall take place in a designated Safety Area.

EYE & EAR PROTECTION. Everyone is warned that the wearing of eye & ear protection is in their own interest, and extremely important in preventing injury. It is suggested that that eye and hearing protection be worn at all times while on the range property, and eye and ear protection is mandatory when shooting or when entering any firing area.

UNSAFE GUN HANDLING. No unsafe gun handling will be permitted at any time. Any shooter found to be engaging in activity that constitutes unsafe gun handling may be immediately ordered to leave the range by the RSO or CSSSA staff.

180 DEGREE RULE. Under no circumstances shall any shooter permit the muzzle of the firearm to point at an angle greater than 90 degrees left or right of the target being engaged. Breaking this 180 degree line will always be considered unsafe gun handling. The ONLY EXCEPTION is an IDPA match that is being conducted by an IDPA certified Safety officer.

MUZZLE SWEEPING. Sweeping the muzzle of a firearm anywhere on the range property during a course of fire, during any shooting activity or while handling a firearm, in which the muzzle of the firearm crosses any part of the shooter or any other person, will always be considered unsafe gun handling and may subject the offender to immediate expulsion from the CSSSA range.

LOADING & RELOADING. Loading a firearm in any area away from a firing line, or even having the firearm closed to where its loaded status cannot be visibly confirmed, is considered unsafe gun handling, and may subject the offender to immediate expulsion from the CSSSA range. During loading and reloading, care must be taken that the firearm points down range throughout the loading procedure. This is particularly important while reloading an auto-loading firearm, since it may still have a live round in the chamber. While loading or reloading any firearm, the trigger finger must be outside the trigger guard at all times.

AMMUNITION. The use of incendiary devices, armor piercing, and/or tracer ammunition is strictly prohibited. Only safe and properly stored ammunition may be fired at Camp Sumter. The use of ammunition, factory and reloads are the strict responsibility of the shooter. Use of any firearm that shoots a 50 BMG is prohibited as those rounds are very destructive to the range and can travel several miles with enough energy to be fatal.

SHOTGUNS. Shotguns are allowed to engage steel targets, frangible static clay targets, flying clay targets and paper targets with slugs or buckshot. Shotguns may be used at all ranges, not just the skeet range.

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE. An accidental discharge will be defined as any shot fired outside the confines of the backstop for rifle or pistol, or striking the ground within three (3) yards of the shooter for rifle, pistol, or shotgun, or firing any other direction deemed unsafe by CSSSA staff or RSO.

(I) Any discharge while loading, reloading, unloading, or during remedial action of a malfunction will be regarded as an accidental discharge and unsafe gun handling. However, discharge due to the actual breakage of a part of the firearm, when the shooter has fulfilled all normal safety requirements adequately, then the event action will not be considered unsafe gun handling.

(II) Any discharge during movement, except while engaging targets as part of a course of fire requiring shooting on the move, will be considered as unsafe gun handling. The shooter may be expelled from the range if the accidental discharge resulted from unsafe gun handling.

SHOOTING STRUCTURES BERMS AND RANGE EQUIPMENT. Shooting a prop, barricade, wall, building etc., is not, in and of itself, a reason to be ordered to leave the range, but deliberate and intentional or reckless shooting of these structures and items is not safe and constitutes unsafe gun handling. Anyone causing damage to range equipment or facilities shall be personally and monetarily liable for such damage. **Intentional damage of range property by a member may result in loss of membership. Absolutely no climbing on the backstops, side berms or rear berms. Persons violating this rule will be asked to leave the ranges.**

EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS. Unsafe firearms will not be permitted. The list of unsafe conditions is too long to be listed. If you are unsure of the condition or safety of your firearm, DO NOT shoot it, then seek help from a competent gunsmith.

The officers and directors of CSSSA and its RSOs reserve the right to prohibit, in their discretion, any condition they deem unsafe. Use common sense.

MALFUNCTIONS. In the event of a malfunction, the shooter will attempt to rectify the situation, always keeping the muzzle pointed downrange, and carry on with the course of fire. If the shooter is unable to do to clear the malfunction, they will stand fast, lower the firearm to be safely pointed downrange and signal a Safety Officer by raising a free hand. The Safety Officer will examine the firearm. Under no circumstances will a shooter leave the firing line in the possession of a loaded firearm. The Range Safety Officer may permit the shooter to go to the nearest designated Safety Area and attempt to clear the malfunction.

BROKEN FIREARM. In the event the firearm cannot be unloaded due to a broken or malfunctioning mechanism, the RSO will take such action as the RSO deems best and safest for everyone on the range property. Under no circumstances will a shooter leave the firing line in the possession of a loaded firearm. The RSO may permit the shooter to go to the nearest designated Safety Area and attempt to repair the breakage or may provide other instruction to secure the broken firearm to minimized accidental discharge or injury to persons and property.

UNABLE TO FINISH COURSE. When, due to a breakdown or loss of personal equipment or injury, a shooter is unable to complete a course of fire and wishes to terminate the course, he or she may raise a free hand. The RSO will take such action as deemed best and safest to insure safe removal of the shooter and his/her firearms and equipment. Under no circumstances will a shooter leave the firing line in the possession of a loaded firearm.

STANDBY FREEZE. After the command "Standby" has been given in any course of fire in which a timer is used, or after a firearm has been loaded in any other untimed course of fire, the shooter shall not thereafter move, nor may the ready position be changed, until the signal is given to commence firing.

STOP COMMAND. Stop means STOP. If you hear the Stop command, immediately cease fire, point your gun down range and **Do Not Move** until you are instructed to move by an RSO.

RANGE HOT COMMAND. "Range Hot" means that shooters may handle their firearms and commence to shoot. **NO ONE IS ALLOWED DOWN RANGE WHEN THE RANGE HOT COMMAND HAS BEEN GIVEN! ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!**

RANGE COLD COMMAND. "Range Cold" command means that all shooting has ceased and that the range is safe to go forward and paste or change targets or to go downrange for any legitimate purpose. **WHEN THE "RANGE COLD" COMMAND IS GIVEN THERE WILL BE NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION OR MAGAZINES AND CLIPS ON THE FIRING RANGE! ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!**

MUZZLE COMMAND. "Muzzle" command means that the shooter is about to point or is pointing his/her firearm in an unsafe direction. **WHEN THE MUZZLE COMMAND IS GIVEN, THE SHOOTER MUST IMMEDIATELY POINT HIS/HER FIREARM DOWNRANGE AND IN A SAFE MANNER! ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!**

TRIGGER COMMAND. "Trigger" command means that the shooter has his/her finger in the trigger guard and/or on the trigger of the firearm and is not engaged in a course of fire. **WHEN THE TRIGGER COMMAND IS GIVEN, THE SHOOTER MUST IMMEDIATELY REMOVE THEIR FINGER FROM THE TRIGGER GUARD AND POINT THE FIREARM IN A SAFE DIRECTION! ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!**

MOVEMENT. When a course of fire requires movement by the shooter, such movement (more than one step or when changing shooting positions, i.e., from prone to standing) must be carried out with the trigger finger outside the guard (except when actually engaging targets). Additionally, any firearm fitted with a safety catch should have such catch in the safe position. The muzzle, at all times, must be pointed in a safe direction and down range.

STEEL TARGETS. Steel targets must be a minimum of 10 yards (30 feet) away from any person or shooter before the target can be engaged.

TARGETS. The only targets that will be allowed on the ranges are (a) paper, metal and polymer and (b) commonly used targets such as clay birds and bowling pins. **ABSOLUTELY** no glass, bottles, cans, explosive or incendiary materials or similar items may be used as targets. All metal targets must be sufficiently downrange to prevent ricochets or metal splashing that might endanger the shooter or other shooters. Target boards are not to be used for shotgun patterning. At the end of each range session, all paper targets shall be removed from target boards and any target debris cleaned up.

TRASH. All litter, including spent brass and shotgun hulls, shall be removed from the Firing Line and the concrete area. Such litter is to be placed in the available trash barrels. Each Member shall assist in keeping the range property clean.

GROSS, UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated. In the event of gross, unsportsmanlike behavior, the shooter will be ordered to leave the range.

(I) The Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO), or his/her designees on duty, will have complete authority over all persons on the range. Safety on the range will be the CRSO's prime concern and the CRSO's orders will be obeyed. Failure to obey the CRSO's instructions and directions, or in the opinion of the CRSO, the shooter is being unsafe or is bringing the sport into disrepute may lead to banishment from the range. CRSO orders and decisions are final and binding.

(II) Repeated contravention of the rules of the range, after being warned, will be considered as unsportsmanlike behavior.

(III) Profane or vulgar language will not be tolerated on the CSSSA property. While a "swear word" is occasionally heard on a shooting range, all shooters are cautioned to be aware when children are present and to set an example of good, clean behavior.

(IV) CSSSA has portable toilet facilities on site. Please use the facilities and NOT THE WOODS! It is unsafe, unsanitary and you may be exposing yourself to other shooters, especially children.

ALCOHOL OR DRUGS. Alcohol or drugs are not permitted in the shooting areas of the CSSSA ranges. Any person found with either in any shooting area will be immediately ordered to leave the range. Any person under the influence of alcohol or drugs, that in the opinion of any RSO, will be required to leave the range, even if not engaged in shooting. Illegal drugs will not be permitted on any portion of the CSSSA range under any circumstances and will be immediately reported to the proper law enforcement authorities.

MINORS. Individuals 17 years and younger may fire on the range only when under the direct supervision of their guardian. Individuals 17 years and younger are not allowed on the range premises unless they are under the direct supervision of an adult who shall be responsible for them and keep them behind the firing line and out of danger zones.

GUESTS OF MEMBERS. No guest shall be permitted on Club property unless accompanied by a Member. With respect to guests:

- (a) The host Member shall review all safety rules with each guest before arriving at the range and be satisfied that each guest fully understands and will abide by all Rules;
- (b) The host Member shall monitor and ensure that guests obey each Rule at all times while at the range;
- (c) No Member shall bring, at any one range session, more than three (3) guests who intend to or who actually do shoot; and,
- (d) The host Member shall be responsible for his or her guests and may be subject to sanctions, including revocation of Club membership, as the result of any improper action or omission of such guests.
- (e) The host Member should encourage the Guest to become a member of Camp Sumter Sport Shooting Association.

RANGE IDENTIFICATION BADGE. All members and their guests must wear or display their Range Badge AT ALL TIMES while at the range, NO EXCEPTIONS.

UNATTENDED AND PROPERTY. CSSSA shall not be responsible for personal property or equipment left on the premises or left unattended.

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

- Treat all guns as if they are loaded. Always assume that a gun is loaded even if you believe that it is unloaded. Every time a gun is handled for any reason, check to make absolutely sure that it is not loaded. Use your safety if, your gun has a safety, but NEVER fully trust a gun safety. It is mechanical. It can fail!
- Always be aware of where the muzzle of your gun is pointing and where the muzzle of other's guns are pointing. Keep all guns pointed in the safest possible direction. DO NOT point or sweep a gun at anything you do not intend to shoot, including yourself! DO NOT allow others to point or sweep a gun in an unsafe direction!
- Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot. Warn others around you to keep their finger outside the trigger guard.
- Do not load a gun until you are ready to shoot, and unload the gun immediately when you finish firing.

NOTICE. *That by reading these rules and making use of the CSSSA range facilities, you are certifying that you have previously used firearms, and that you are not prohibited by any of the laws of the United States or the State of Georgia from possessing firearms. You are further acknowledging and agreeing that you are aware of the hazards and risks inherent in the use of firearms and upon physical proximity to any shooting activity including, but not limited to, accidental discharge of firearms and resultant personal injury or damage to property. By making use of the CSSSA range you are voluntarily and freely assuming all such risks without exception. In addition, you are acknowledging that you are aware of these safety rules, are agreeing to fully comply with these safety rules, and agree to ensure compliance with these rules by those who may accompany you while at the CSSSA range. In making use of the CSSSA range facility, you are agreeing to release CSSSA from any and all liability which might arise out of any damage, loss, injury, or death which you might sustain while using the CSSSA range facility, and further agree to indemnify CSSSA and hold it harmless for any acts committed by you or others which may or does give rise to any claim against CSSSA.*

SAFETY, THE FINAL DECISION IS YOURS!

By my signature below, I certify that I have read all five (5) pages of the Camp Sumter Sport Shooting Association RANGE RULES AND REGULATIONS and NOTICE, that I understand all of the rules or have had the rules to be explained to me. I further certify that I will, without exception, follow the Camp Sumter Sport Shooting Association RANGE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

This _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____