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RANGE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Camp Sumter Gun Club (CSGC) welcomes you to our range facility in Andersonville, Georgia. We hope you enjoy participating in the shooting sports and enjoy your time at the range. A Range Safety Officer (RSO) is any person that has been trained in firearms range safety by the NRA or other national or international organizations, such as USPSA, IDPA, SASS, etc. RSOs may utilize non-trained persons, who, in the RSO's opinion, is qualified to assist the RSO with range safety procedures and have been approved by the Chief Range Safety Officer. All Match Directors are designated as an RSO. The Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) is an NRA specially trained range safety officer. The CRSO oversees overall range safety. All range safety decisions by the CRSO, or RSO, including expulsion from the range, are final and binding. The CRSO is Bill NeSmith and can be reached at 229-938-8663.

MEMBERSHIPS. Camp Sumter Gun Club is a members only access range. While the range will conduct monthly matches that are open to the public, regular access requires a membership. Membership at Camp Sumter begins on from May 1st of each year and ends on April 30th. To join or renew a membership, go to www.campsumter.com and click on the membership tab at the top of the page.

GUESTS. Members may bring no more than two guests at any time when using the range. Members should not bring any more than six guests per year and should encourage any guest to join the range.

HOURS OF OPERATION. Camp Sumter Gun Club is open daily from sunup to sundown, 365 days per year. Occasionally there may be a range closure for a special event or maintenance. Please check out the club calendar for range closures and special events at <https://campsumter.com/calendar/>

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

COLD RANGE. The first and principal safety rule is that CSGC is a COLD RANGE. All firearms must be unloaded before arriving at the range and must always remain unloaded except when you are loading your firearm on the firing line prior 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 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 firearm. For safety reasons, a firearm which may prove later to be unloaded, but which its breach or cylinder 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, such as gun racks, are conveniently located for the use of shooters. Safety Areas are assigned to allow casing and uncasing, the 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 conditions.

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, pistol or shotgun range. The practice of assembly or disassembly, or casing or uncasing, shotguns at the owner's vehicle is expressly prohibited. All assembly or disassembly, casing, or uncasing of all firearms, including shotguns, shall take place in a designated Safety Area or on a firing point.

EYE & EAR PROTECTION. Everyone is warned that the wearing of eye and ear protection is in their best interest, and essential in preventing injury. It is always required that that eye and hearing protection be worn while on the range property, and eye and ear protection is mandatory when shooting or when entering any firing area.

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

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 firearm handling and may subject the offender to immediate expulsion from the CSGC range.

LOADING & RELOADING. Loading a firearm in any area away from a firing line or having the firearm breach or chamber closed to where its loaded status cannot be visibly confirmed is considered unsafe firearm handling. These actions may subject the offender to immediate expulsion from the CSGC range. During loading and reloading, care must be taken that the firearm points downrange throughout the loading procedure. Pointing a firearm downrange as described is particularly essential 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 always be outside the trigger guard.

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

SHOTGUNS. Shotguns can 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 shotgun clays ranges.

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 CSGC 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 firearm handling. However, discharge due to the actual breakage of a part of the firearm, when the shooter has fulfilled all standard safety requirements adequately, then the event action will not be considered unsafe firearm 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 firearm handling. The shooter

might be expelled from the range if the accidental discharge resulted from unsafe firearm 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. Still, the deliberate and intentional or reckless shooting of these structures and items is not safe and constitutes unsafe firearm handling. Anyone causing damage to range equipment or facilities shall be personally and monetarily liable for such damage and may result in loss of membership. **No climbing on the backstops, side berms or rear berms is allowed. Persons violating this rule will be asked to leave the range.**

EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS. Unsafe firearms will not be permitted. The list of unsafe conditions is too long to be listed, but the person handling a firearm is responsible for the safety and condition of that firearm. 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 CSGC 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 an RSO by raising a free hand. The RSO will examine the firearm. Under no circumstances will a shooter leave the firing line in possession of a loaded firearm. The RSO may permit the shooter to go to the nearest designated Safety Area and attempt to clear the malfunction. If no RSO is present, the person in possession of the firearm is responsible for following all NRA malfunction clearing guidelines.

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 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 instructions to secure the broken firearm to minimized accidental discharge or injury to persons and property. If no RSO is present, the person in possession of the firearm is responsible for following all NRA malfunction clearing guidelines.

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 ensure the safe removal of the shooter and his/her firearms and equipment. Under no circumstances will a shooter leave the firing line in 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 or CEASE-FIRE COMMAND. Stop means **STOP**, and cease-fire means **CEASE FIRE**, with **NO EXCEPTIONS**. If you hear the Stop or Cease-Fire command, immediately cease fire, point your firearm downrange, or if instructed, make the firearm safe by placing it in a designated gunrack or safe area. **Do Not Move** until you are told to move. Anyone may give this command if they witness an unsafe act.

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 OR TOUCHING 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 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 engaging targets). Additionally, any firearm fitted with a safety catch should have such a catch in the safe position. The muzzle must always be pointed in a safe direction and downrange.

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. 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. All litter is to be placed in the available trash barrels. Each Member must assist in keeping the range property clean.

GROSS, UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated. In the event of gross, unsportsmanlike conduct, 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 follow 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) After being warned, repeated infringement of the rules of the range will be considered as unsportsmanlike behavior.

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

(IV) CSGC has portable toilet facilities on site. Please use the facilities and NOT THE WOODS! It is unsafe, unsanitary, and you may be inadvertently exposing yourself to others.

ALCOHOL OR DRUGS. Alcohol or drugs are not permitted in the shooting areas of the CSGC 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 will be required to leave the range property, even if not engaged in shooting. Illegal drugs will not be permitted on any portion of the CSGC 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. Concerning 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 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 Gun Club.

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

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

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

NOTICE. *That by reading these rules and making use of the CSGC 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 CSGC range, you are voluntarily and freely assuming all such risks without exception. Also, you are acknowledging that you are aware of these safety rules, are agreeing to comply with these safety rules fully, and agree to ensure compliance with these rules by those who may accompany you while at the CSGC range. By using the CSGC range facility, you agree to release CSGC from all liability, which might arise out of any damage, loss, injury, or death that you might sustain while using the CSGC range facility. You further agree to indemnify CSGC and hold it harmless for any acts committed by you or others, which may or does give rise to any claim against CSGC.*

SAFETY, THE FINAL DECISION IS YOURS!