

## **GEORGE SPORT SHOOTING CLUB - RANGE RULES:**

1. When you arrive at the range, your firearm must either be in a holster, in a bag or in a box. Do not arrive at the range with your firearm in you hand. Do not remove your firearm from the holster, bag or box until you are instructed to do so by the RO.
2. Do not handle your firearm while standing behind anybody else or behind the firing line. Only handle firearms on the firing line.
3. Do not load your firearm while standing behind the firing line. Only load firearms on the firing line with RO instruction.
4. Whenever handling or loading your firearm on the range, always make sure that your firearm is pointing in a safe direction away from people. (Downrange towards the backstop wall.)
5. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
6. You may only load and/or fire your firearm from the designated firing line on command from the RO.
7. Under no circumstance, you may fire your firearm if anyone else on the firing line is in front of you, even if this person is not directly in your line of fire.
8. You may only begin to fire on the Range Officer's command and/or instruction.
9. Always know your target and what is behind it. When you shoot through something, know where the bullet is going to stop. Once you pull the trigger and the shot is fired, it **CAN NOT BE RECALLED**.
10. Never turn around or step backwards when you are on the firing line, even when your firearm is safe.
11. If you drop anything on the firing line, you may only pick it up on command of the RO, after your firearm has been made safe.
12. If you have a jam or malfunction that you cannot rectify yourself while standing on the firing line, raise your non-gun hand (weak hand) above your head and wait for assistance by your Range Officer.
13. Targets are not allowed to be further that two (2) meters away from the back stopping wall, to stop ricochet bullets going over the back stop wall. Red flag at the applicable range gate compulsory, please bring red flag with.
14. The rule of **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**, applies between the rifle & pellet/.22 range. If you arrive at the rifle range and someone is using the pellet/.22 range, you are not allowed to shoot further than 100m on the rifle range, until the pellet/.22 range is empty.
15. Should you use the rifle range, your name & cell phone number, **MUST** be displayed on the gate that blocks entrance to the 100m range. This gate should be closed at all times when shooting further than 100m.
16. Make sure that the main entrance gate to the range is closed and locked at all times.
17. Always use eye and ear protection for your own safety. Eyes & ears can not be replaced.
18. Only use the type of weapon the specific range indicates, handguns & shotguns on the hand gun range, pellet & .22 on the pellet gun range, hunting rifles & carbines on the rifle range.
19. Make sure that the shooting range is clean when you have finished shooting. Pick up all boxes, ammo and empty cartridges and remove your targets and/or rubbish from the shooting range.
20. Firearms do not kill people. People kill people using various types of objects and weapons. Keep our sport and range clean so we can continue enjoying our sport for many years to come.
21. **Whatsapp group** - Range bookings not allowed. Notify on group the time you would like to use the range on the current day or the next day, not further than tomorrow allowed. It's merely a notification request, not a booking. Bookings only for club shooting days. Please consider & respect other members & try to use the range together for safety reasons.

## **GENERAL SAFETY RULES:**

1. Be muzzle conscious. Always know where the muzzle of your firearm is pointing. (Safe direction).
2. Always make sure that your firearm is properly secured in a holster, bag, box or on a sling.
3. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
4. Treat any firearm as if it were loaded.
5. Always know your target and what is behind it. Know the stopping point of the bullet.
6. Never climb fences or walls with a loaded firearm in your hand or on a sling.
7. Always keep your firearm unloaded while it is in storage or not in use.
8. Do not handle your firearm unnecessarily. It is not a toy, playing with it can result in an accident or body harm.
9. Never attempt to modify your firearm in any way. Repairs and/or modifications to be done by a qualified gunsmith.
10. Be sure before your shoot. Once your have fired the shot and squeezed the trigger, you cannot recall the shot.
11. Alcohol and gunpowder do not mix. Never use or handle firearms while you are using alcohol or drugs.
12. Always know the condition of your firearm. (Safety catch position and if there is a round in the chamber or not.
13. Never fire into the air. You are liable for where that bullet stops. That bullet can still injure or kill someone.
14. Always keep your firearm locked in your safe when you are not carrying it on you.
15. If you fire a warning shot, always be aware of where the bullet is going to stop. (Safe stopping point.)
16. Use only the correct ammunition for your caliber firearm to prevent accidents.
17. When you have not used your firearm for a long time, clean your firearm before shooting and make sure the barrel is free from any obstruction or excessive oil.
18. Always use proper eye and ear protection on a shooting range.
19. Keep your firearm clean. Your firearm should be cleaned each time it has been fired.
20. Keep firearms out of reach of children at all times.
21. Whenever possible, avoid hunting alone.
22. When unloading a semi-automatic pistol, rifle or carbine, always remember the rounds in the magazine. Always remove the magazine first before making the weapon safe.
23. Make sure that the firearm that you are carrying is always in good working order, your life may depend on it.
24. Once a shot is fired, you are responsible for where the bullet stops.

## **DECLARATION.**

I, ....., the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read and understood the above range & safety rules and indemnify GSSC from any accidents and/or injuries, arising from not adhering and/or applying to the above safety rules & regulations or due to personal negligence.

**DATE** .....

**SIGNATURE** .....