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**CODE OF CONDUCT:**

This Code of Conduct sets out the conditions for the use of George Sport Shooting Club (GSSC) shooting range and/or facilities.

The purpose of these rules, is to insure that all activities are conducted in a safe manner, to protect individuals and the organization, while promoting organized and safe sport shooting activities.

**1. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS.**

- 1.1 Range and/or club facility users, must be paid up members of the GSSC.
- 1.2 All members/shooters using this range, should carry their own third party liability insurance.
- 1.3 All members must have proof of membership and/or membership card with them, when using the shooting range.
- 1.4 Members/visitors must complete the appropriate range register and pay the fee as displayed prior to shooting or notify on the WhatsApp group about their need to use the shooting range. (Refer to 2.21)
- 1.5 All individuals will respect and abide by safe firearm handling practice at all times while on the range.
- 1.6 Eye and ear protection is compulsory for all members/personnel/bystanders, utilizing or visiting the range facilities during shooting activities.
- 1.7 The use of alcohol and/or drugs or any other substances that may impair one's reflexes and/or judgment in any way, while utilizing or visiting the facilities, is prohibited. Anyone judged to be impaired, regardless of cause, will not be allowed to utilize or visit the GSSC facilities.

**2. SAFETY RULES.**

The following general safety rules must be adhered to:

- 2.1 Firing will only commence on the command of the Range Officer (RO) in charge.
- 2.2 Upon the command to “cease fire”, firing must be ceased immediately, firearm actions opened, unloaded and declared safe.
- 2.3 Muzzle direction must be controlled at all times in a safe manner. Keep muzzles pointed 45° upwards in a safe direction or at the back stop wall, while moving to and from the firing line.
- 2.4 Firearm actions must be kept open and firearms must be unloaded, except while firing on RO command.
- 2.5 Empty chamber indicators/flags must be inserted in the chamber of applicable firearms at all times, except when on the firing line.

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- 2.6 Your trigger finger will remain off the trigger until the muzzle is pointed down range at the backstop or until the RO give the command to start firing. Until then, finger off trigger.
- 2.7 All firearms will be unloaded, declared safe and holstered/bagged before anyone cross the firing line. Treat all firearms as loaded, safety always first.
- 2.8 Should a firearm malfunction during the course of fire, the shooter will remain on the firing line with the muzzle pointed down range (safe direction) until the firearm is cleared.
  - 2.8.1 Only proper paper targets on the target stands are permitted.
  - 2.8.2 Individuals will clean the firing line and/or target area upon completion of firing.
  - 2.8.3 All empty/used brass, must be picked up by shooters after shooting and firing line cleared.
  - 2.8.4 Eye and ear protection are mandatory/compulsory for all shooters while on the range during firing and also strongly recommended for all visitors/bystanders.
  - 2.8.5 All personnel other than the Range Officer, instructors and/or coaches, will remain behind the firing line at all times.
  - 2.8.6 Targets must be secured at near as possible against the stopping wall, not further than 2 meters away from the back stopping wall.
- 2.9 With arrival at the range, all firearms must be holstered or secured in a bag or sling. Firearms must be un-loaded, no magazines and/or ammunition allowed to be loaded in any firearms when arriving at the shooting range.
- 2.10 It is imperative that all projectiles fired, be contained within the confines of the range. All rifles, handguns and shotguns firing slugs, must be fired downrange into an appropriate backstop. Care must be taken when setting up targets that they are aligned with an appropriate backstop.
- 2.11 Rifles should have "breech/chamber flags" inserted when not in use, unless this is not possible due to the design of the rifle/firearm. Bolts must be open at all times when not busy firing.
- 2.12 The safe handling of firearms and courtesy towards others, is paramount. Leave the firearm action open and never handle firearms when people are down range.
- 2.13 Use only target frames designed for that specific target.
- 2.14 Where more than three shooters are using the range, by mutual agreement, one of them should act as Range Officer, who will then control the range.
- 2.15 Smoking is not permitted on the shooting range due to fire hazard.
- 2.16 Fires are prohibited, unless required for range maintenance, under supervision.
- 2.17 Keep the range clean. Users must remove all their own all refuse, (there is no refuse collection facility on the range).
- 2.18 Shooting at glass is strictly prohibited. Broken glass is a safety hazard.
- 2.19 Shooting at the club buildings and structures is a felony and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
- 2.20 Due to the number of organized shooting disciplines offered at the range, the opportunity for an individual member to shoot whenever they choose, may at times be limited. Therefore, it is vital that shooters coordinate with other shooters on the line so everyone gets an equal chance to use the facilities.

- 2.21 Notification on the club WhatsApp group for the use of club shooting range and/or facilities, is compulsory. No bookings allowed. Notifications for the same day or the next day, will be allowed in order for members to plan their visit to the shooting range. (Refer to 1.4)  
Only organized club shooting days, will be notified in advance or booked for a specific day.
- 2.22 After use, the last person to leave the range should ensure that all equipment has been removed and all gates are locked. Items left behind on the range will be at the owner's risk.
- 2.23 The above rules are not all inclusive. Additional rules may be initiated by Club Management and the Range Officers to insure the range operates in a safe manner. Individuals must at all times, follow the directions of the Range Officer in charge. All activities and/or practices contrary to the law, are prohibited. Anyone caught vandalizing club property will be expelled and prosecuted.

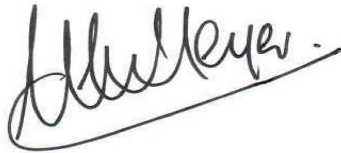
### **3. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES.**

A member who is in breach of this Code of Conduct, may lose his/her membership in terms of disciplinary procedures instituted by die GSSC as provided in the GSSC Constitution.

### **4. AMENDMENTS.**

Amendments to this Code of Conduct may be made by die GSSC committee as required.

This Code of Conduct was signed on 14 March 2018 by the Chairperson of GSSC.



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Chairman, Treasurer – GSSC.

Range Officer – CHASA (SJB) 09-03-2015.

Dedicated Member: GSSC, SJB (CHASA), GOSA, NHSA, SATSA.

Member – George Crime Prevention Forum (CPF)

Chairman, Founder – George Central Business District Neighbour Hood Watch.