

# FACILITY USE AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

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## FIREARMS SAFETY

1. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
4. Always keep your firearm unloaded until ready to use.
5. Know your target and what is beyond.
6. Be sure your firearm is safe to operate.
7. Know how to operate and use your firearm safely.
8. Use only the correct ammunition.
9. Wearing eye and ear protection is **STRONGLY SUGGESTED** on all ranges.
10. Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.

## RANGE SAFETY RULES (GENERAL)

1. **No shooting or handling of firearm allowed when any person is down range.**
2. **“CEASE FIRING” will be the command to immediately stop shooting, open action, unload and wait for additional instructions. Anyone observing an unsafe situation will give this command, which MUST be obeyed by all shooters.**
3. All uncased firearms will be unloaded, action open and safety on until on the firing line.
4. Loaded firearms will not be removed from the firing line. When moving a firearm – unload, open the action and point the muzzle in a safe direction.
5. Shooting allowed only from the firing line. Firing line defined in site-specific rules.
6. Malfunctions, mechanical failures, misfires, hang fires, and squib loads must be cleared on the firing line. If a malfunction occurs, cease fire, wait 30 seconds then try to unload. Remove magazine and put safety on. If you can't clear it, ask for or send someone for help. Keep muzzle pointed downrange and hold onto the firearm. Check for bore obstruction after ammunition/firearm malfunction cleared.
7. Shoot only League approved targets as defined in site-specific rules.
8. No indiscriminate, undisciplined rapid fire.
9. Fully automatic fire is not permitted on any range on DBCL grounds unless approved by DBCL Board of Directors.
10. Tracer and incendiary cartridges are not permitted.
11. Firing is only permitted on established ranges unless authorized by the Board of Directors.

12. No smoking where black powder is being used.
13. Dispose of loaded rounds in “dud” safety cans.
14. Ammunition and firearms contain lead. Use manufacturer cleanup and wash up procedures after use.
15. Attach targets to frames with staples, tape, glue, or paste. Do not use nails or any large metal fasteners.
16. Before going down range - range bells and warning light **MUST** be turned on. Anyone still on the firing range **MUST** unload their firearms, open the actions and move back from their firing positions ***behind the red line.***

### **Special Requirements for Using Muzzle Loading Firearms**

1. No smoking while using Black Powder or Pyrodex.
2. Never load directly from the can of powder, use a measure.
3. Run a damp/wet patch down bore between shots to extinguish smoldering powder.
4. Keep powder cans capped/closed when not in use.
5. Do not fire firearms over loading area where powder or caps are present/
6. Misfires may be recapped and fired. If this doesn't work, remove nipple and put a small powder charge in nipple opening. Replace nipple, recap and attempt to fire.
7. Wait at least 1 minute after misfire before attempting to pull a bullet or ball.
8. Recommend a silent ball dis-charger be used to remove misfires.

### **25/50 Meter Range and 100/200 Yard Range**

1. All center-fire, rim-fire, and black powder rifles and handguns are allowed.
2. Shotguns with slugs or sabots only allowed.
3. Matches conducted on this range will be in accordance with current NRA Rules in addition to League rules.
4. Range layout and limits are posted on a sign in the ready area.
5. Shoot so that bullets impact into the earth berm backstops.
6. Shoot only from the “firing line” defined by a 6” painted yellow line at the forward edge of the concrete pad and stenciled firing line.
7. When anyone goes down range, one person will call a “Cease Fire” and turn on the range bell and warning light located at the firing line. All shooters will stop shooting, open actions, unload, put safeties on and move back from their firing positions ***to behind the red line.*** The person calling cease fire is responsible to determine when it is safe to resume shooting. If a match is being conducted then the Range Officer will give necessary commands.
8. Leave 200-yard target frames in the down position with safety pins in place when finished shooting.
9. Only paper and DBCL Silhouettes are approved targets. Do not shoot at rocks, number boards, target frame legs, bottles, cans, glass, or other hard surfaces that may cause a ricochet. ***You must have a berm behind swinging targets.***

10. Human silhouettes are NOT allowed.
11. Specialty targets require approval from the Board of Directors.
12. No thrown clay, bottles, can type targets.

### **Trap and Skeet Ranges**

1. Only lead and steel shot 7 ½ and smaller are allowed. Slugs are not allowed.
2. All shooters must be on proper station and aligned before loading and shooting.
3. You must have your membership card stamped to operate trap and skeet machines.
4. Call “Cease Fire” to move downrange to target houses. Place orange safety cone on top of the trap house or outside of high or low house when loader in house.
5. When working on machines, first release machine arm, using toggle switch.
6. Release arm on trap machine when finished shooting.
7. Remove all clay targets from machines.
8. Clay pigeons must be purchased from Caretakers.

### **Shotgun Patterning Range (Located just east of Trap House #5.**

1. Patterning only allowed on this range.
2. All size and type of shot is allowed.
3. No slugs or sabots allowed.
4. Attach targets to wire mesh with tape or clothespins.
5. Fire only from directly in front of the target

### **Running Deer Ranges**

1. You must have membership card stamped to operate the running deer.
2. Minimum two members present.
3. Minimum range is 50 yards at deer silhouette only.

### **Archery Ranges – Outdoors**

1. No broad heads are allowed.
2. Paper or 3-D targets only.
3. Do not knock arrows until ready to shoot.
4. Pay the 3-D fee BEFORE you shoot your round.
5. If range is crowded, you may look 2 minutes for a lost arrow.  
If not located, move on and come back later when it is less crowded.

### Archery/Air Gun Range – Indoors

1. Double doors near backstops **MUST** be closed and locked prior to shooting.
2. No broad heads allowed.
3. Paper targets only. (Bring your own)
4. All shooters must shoot from the same distance. No mixed distance shooting.
5. No arrows are to be knocked while anyone is downrange.
6. Bows should be hung on wall racks while downrange retrieving arrows.
7. No shooting of pellets or BBs into backstop.

### Administrative Rules

1. Members and guests must sign in prior to using ranges. If you are not sure of a rule, **ASK!**
2. Members, immediate family, and guests may use DBCL facilities.
3. Members may bring the same guest twice during a calendar year.
4. No hunting, trapping, or killing of any wildlife except by order of the Board of Directors.
5. Do not damage trees, foliage or other DBCL property.
6. Building of fires in designated areas only.
7. **ALL DOGS MUST** be on a leash except when training at the pond.  
**NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE CLUBHOUSE.**
8. League equipment and firearms borrowed for events will be clean and dry prior to return and storage.
9. Private solicitation on DBCL property by Board of Directors approval only.
10. No alcohol to be consumed before or while shooting on any range.
11. No parking on ranges.
12. Clean up and place garbage, cans, brass and loose paper targets in appropriate containers.
13. DBCL is not responsible for lost or stolen property.
14. Members and guests must abide by all State and Local laws.
15. Holsters are permitted on the firing line only. They are not to be worn anywhere else on DBCL grounds.
16. Scheduled range closings are announced in the Powderhorn.
17. Ranges may also be closed without notice for unsafe conditions, needed repairs or maintenance.
18. Use of ranges and other facilities for matches and special events subject to Board approval.
19. You must show membership card if requested.
20. Anyone violating DBCL Rules will be referred to the Board of Directors. Violations may be subject for dismissal from DBCL membership.
21. Shooting allowed from 8:00 A.M. to Dusk. Dusk is when the parking lot lights come on.

### **Emergency Procedures**

1. **Take charge of the situation.**
2. **Render First Aid.**
3. **Call for help. Use a cell phone or the Caretaker phone.**
4. **Direct help to location.**
5. **Take notes and fill out an accident form.**
6. **Notify DBCL Officers for further instructions.**

### **Ground Managers Hours**

The Grounds Managers responsibilities are to maintain the grounds and assist the members during the day. Their hours are from 8:00 A.M. through 6:00 P.M. Please do not ask them for assistance before or after these hours except in a medical or safety emergency.