



NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD
AND STREAM ASSOCIATION
Gun Range
Wichita Falls, Texas

RANGE SAFETY RULES

GENERAL RANGE RULES

SAFETY FIRST, ALWAYS! Every shooter has a responsibility to use common sense, courtesy, and sportsmanship to ensure a safe shooting environment.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 911. YOU ARE LOCATED AT 4472 OLD FRIBERG RD.

- **Members shooting on any range must have a current NWTF&S membership card or receipt and it should be worn on an outer garment.** Members of the association must comply to remain on the range. One-day \$15.00 memberships are available. Non-shooting prospective members are welcome on the range but must be accompanied by a member.
- **Non-Members** may shoot when participating in an event approved by the Board of Directors (i.e. NRA approved or Sanctioned matches, open shotgun tournaments, Turkey shoots, etc.)
- **Non-members** participating in any event or fun shoot must sign a liability release and acknowledge receipt and compliance with these safety rules.

- **No firearm shall be brought onto or taken off the range in a loaded condition with the exceptions of CHL holder, law enforcement and US military members in the performance of official duties.**
- The ranges are open from sun up to sun down. Some ranges are lit for club use at night.
- **Scheduled activities, matches and range maintenance have priority over individual range use and individual firing.**
- The Board of Directors must approve special events and competitive matches at the range that vary from general use rules.
- No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances (as defined by the Texas Penal Code) are allowed on the range.
- **No pets allowed on or near any firing range.**
- Clean up your used targets and place all trash in trash cans provided at each range.
- **Intentional shooting at baffles, baffle posts, or a target affixed to the baffle posts is strictly prohibited and is grounds for loss of club membership and possible criminal charges.**
- Intentional or continued violation of these rules could be grounds for the Board of Directors to terminate your membership in the Northwest Texas Field and Stream Association.

GUN SAFETY RULES

- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Do not handle guns while any person is beyond the firing line.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to use.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
- Load the firearm only on the firing line, when the range is hot and you are ready to fire.
- Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- Know how to safely use the gun.
- Know your target and what is beyond the target.
- **Eye and ear protection is required on all firing ranges.**
- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
- Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
- Be aware that certain types of guns and shooting activities require additional safety precautions.
- When present follow the commands of the Range Officer.

NWTF&S SAFETY RULES FOR ALL RANGES

- Do not uncage or handle your guns when any person is forward of the firing line.
- All firearms will be cased and uncased while the line is hot (shooting is in progress).
- All persons on the line or under the covered shooting area will wear ear protection and eye protection.
- All firearms will be kept unloaded with the action open and detachable magazines removed except when firing.
- Do not move forward of the line until the line is safe and all firearms are benched and the actions are open.
- Persons shooting firearms with muzzle brakes should be considerate of others to avoid disturbing others with the effects of muzzle blast.
- No firearm may be worn or carried on any active shooting range in a holster. When CHL pistols are used for practice the same rules apply to them as other pistols. Otherwise, keep them concealed.
- Make sure all firearms are discharged to impact in established fields of fire or range backstops.
- Air guns of all types (including BB guns) will be treated the same as any other firearm and all rules will apply to their use on the range.
- **All firing will be from established firing points, no downrange shooting positions.**
- All rifle and pistol targets will be paper and will be placed on the target boards furnished at the range.
- **Firing any fully automatic firearm in a burst or full automatic mode is prohibited. No simulated full automatic fire is allowed including use of special devices or triggers.**
- During individual practice no rapid fire is allowed at a rate of more than five shots in ten seconds.
- Firing at tin cans, bottles, rocks, birds, posts, animals, baffles, baffle posts or any other object other than a paper target properly placed on a target frame at approved distances is strictly forbidden. (Special targets are allowed firing approved club matches and gallery shoots when there is a range officer present and supervising).
- Ricochets – Determine the cause of ricochets before continuing firing and correct the problem to ensure that fired bullets are properly impacting into the established backstop. Continued ricochets are a reason for termination of firing for range safety.
- Do not dig into backstops to remove metal.

- All minor (youth under 17 years) must be directly under the supervision of an adult at all times while at the range, whether engaged in shooting or present as an observer. All minors engaged in shooting must be under the supervision of an adult who is not engaged in shooting at the time. (Texas Penal Code 46.13).
- Do not cause unnecessary delays at the firing line or at the targets.
- Comply with all additional rules that are posted at the ranges.

TRAP-SKEET-CLAY-SHOTGUN RULES

- Eye and ear protection is required.
- Do not load gun until in shooting position.
- Load only one shell at a time, except for doubles.
- Point gun at center of field when changing stands.
- You may pick up your empty hulls but do so only at the conclusion of the round.
- No spectators on the shooting field.
- **Individuals must use the area just east of the first Trap range for individual throwing machines when the shotgun club is not open.**
- Comply with all additional rules that are posted at the range.
- **Shot patterning-A backstop for shot patterning is provided west of the shotgun clubhouse. Use of this backstop is limited to shot shells only, no slugs.**

NRA 50 FOOT SMALL BORE RANGE & BULLSEYE 50 YARD PISTOL RANGE RULES

- Closed ranges- Special use only. Use of these ranges is restricted to association organized and approved matches and instruction sessions under the supervision of an approved marksmanship instructor or range officer. If you are interested in shooting in an organized activity on these ranges, please contact a member of the Board of Directors at 940-692-1141.
- Smoking is prohibited under the covered firing line.

100 YARD AND 50 YARD RANGES

- **Do not uncase or handle guns while any person is beyond the firing line.**
- When two or more shooters are at the line one of them should assume the duties of a range officer and ensure compliance with these range safety rules.
- Shooters are responsible to ensure the line is safe and all weapons are benched, unloaded and detachable magazines removed before going forward of the shooting line.
- All benched firearms will have the actions open, all ammunition removed, detachable magazines removed and the muzzles will point downrange.
- Any center fire rifle or pistol with adjustable sights adjustable for elevation and rim fire rifles with elevation adjustable target type sights or telescopes are allowed on the 100 yard range. Expect .22 rim fires to shoot 3 to 6 inches low at 100 yards if sighted in at shorter ranges.
- **No tracer, incendiary, 50 caliber BMG or shot shells allowed on firing ranges.**
- Shot gun slugs allowed. Please keep damage to target boards to a minimum.

50 YARD RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE

- **Do not uncase or handle guns while any person is beyond the firing line.**
 - Pistols from .17 to .500 caliber are allowed.
 - Center-fire and rim fire rifles are allowed. **.50 BMG is not allowed.**
 - **All benched firearms will have the actions open, all ammunition removed, detachable magazines removed and the muzzles will point downrange**
- #### 25 YARD PISTOL RANGE RULES

- **Do not uncase or handle guns while any person is beyond the firing line.**
- Pistols from .17 to .500 caliber are allowed.
- All .22 and .17 rim fire rifles are allowed. No rifle with larger caliber or load is allowed.
- **All benched firearms will have the actions open, all ammunition removed, detachable magazines removed and the muzzles will point downrange.**

SHORT PISTOL RANGE RULES

- **Do not uncase or handle guns while any person is beyond the firing line.**
- No holstered pistols allowed on this range. When CHL pistols are used for practice the same rules apply to them as other pistols. Otherwise, keep them concealed.
- All benched firearms will have the actions open, all ammunition removed, detachable magazines removed and muzzles will point downrange.
- Use supplied target holders or target boards only. All targets will be placed so that the fired bullets will impact into the established range backstop without striking the ground first.
- Restricted to .22 to .45 caliber handguns only.
- **No rifles or shotguns allowed on this range.**
- All benched firearms will have the actions open, all ammunition removed, detachable magazines removed and the muzzles will point downrange.

ARCHERY RANGE RULES

- **No firearms allowed.**
- Keep all notches arrows pointed down range.
- Each participant will use a separate marked lane.
- No broad arrows or bolts are allowed on the range.
- When two or more archers are on the line one of them should assume primary safety duties.
- Do not move established target stands.