

BLACK CREEK GUN CLUB RANGE RULES

THESE RULES ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE. Black Creek Gun Club may terminate your membership at any time deemed necessary for any violation of the club rules.

UPON ARRIVAL

Range hours begin at 9:00 AM Monday through Saturday, 1:00 PM on Sunday.

All persons, upon arrival on range property, must sign in at the office and sign out when leaving. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Unless you are coming as a guest of a member, you must purchase a membership before using our facilities. Anyone violating this rule will be considered a trespasser and will be reported to local law enforcement.

Come prepared to show your current membership card and state issued identification each time you sign in.

You must be signed in and, on the range, no less than 30 minutes before closing to be able to shoot and be at the entrance gate at closing time.

All members using the ranges will be responsible for reading, obeying, and enforcing the safety rules at all times for themselves **and** their guests.

All guests must sign a liability release agreement when they first visit the range. These guests are your responsibility and **must stay with you at all times**. It is your responsibility to explain to them the need to **keep all the rounds on the target, and away from the frames on the 15 yard range, and on the plywood backers and away from the frames on the 25 yard, 50 yard, and 100 yard ranges**. Again, **you** are responsible not only for the **safety of you and your guests**, but also for the other members of this club. Everyone needs to practice safety.

The speed limit on range property is 15 mph! The posted speed on Range Road is 35 mph! Please be courteous to our neighbors on Range Road.

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Any firearm part that is licensed or taxed (SBRs, silencers, select fire, ect) any NFA class 3 item that is used on our property/range, you **MUST** present all BATFE/State Police paperwork to office personnel **EVERY TIME YOU BRING IT** prior to usage on the property.

Sustained rapid fire is not permitted and must be limited to **3-5 shot strings**.

There are First Aid materials in the office in case of an accident.

If you reload, you may pick up your expended cartridges. Otherwise, all brass is property of the range.

CLOTHING RECOMMENDATIONS

The NRA recommends that shooters wear a brimmed cap and tight fitting clothing for protection against hot shells and ejected casings. There is a web article that has information that is primarily directed at women, but the principles apply to everyone: <https://www.nrawomen.com/content/the-dos-and-donts-of-gun-range-attire>

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Absolutely no illegal firearms are allowed on the property or ranges.

No bumpstocks or rapid fire triggers allowed.

Fully automatic weapons (Class 3) are NOT allowed.

Absolutely no alcohol or drugs are permitted on the ranges or property. If you are found using them on the premises or are already under the influence of them before arriving, you will be asked to leave and you will forfeit your membership.

Caliber restrictions: No 50 BMG or 338 Lapua are allowed on any of the ranges.

Tracer ammunition or exploding targets are prohibited on the ranges. Do not leave any live rounds/bad rounds on the range or in the trash cans or on the ground. **Please bring them to the office.**

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No rifle or shotgun can be carried onto the 15 yard range. **This range is for pistol use only.** Anyone carrying either rifle or shotgun, or the ammunition for them onto the 15 yard range will be asked to take them off the range. If they refuse, they will be asked to leave the premises.

No pets are allowed on the ranges. They may be on the property but must remain on a leash at all times if out of the vehicle.

No unbagged or uncased firearms are allowed in the parking lot.

RATES

Membership is based on the calendar year with no prorating (January 1-December 31).

Annual club membership is \$350, cash, check, or credit/debit card. All credit/debit transactions will be charged a 2.99% processing fee that is required by our card processing company. No other types of electronic funds are accepted. Members must possess an active membership in the National Rifle Association (NRA) and be a minimum of 18 years old. Memberships may be purchased through a link on our website **www.bcgcv.com** or at www.NRA.com.

Guests will be charged a fee of \$30 per day for use of the range and **must** always stay with the member **on the same range** while at the facility.

The family guest fee is \$100. A family guest is defined as: anyone living at the same address as the current member, must be verified, allows that person or persons for the fee of \$100 each to only come with that member unlimited times.

If you plan to shoot trap, check with the office for availability. There is a charge of \$15 per round (cash or check only). A round is 25 shots. You must pick up expended shells.

GUESTS

All guests must sign a liability release agreement upon visiting the range.

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Guests **must** always stay with the member **on the same range** while at the facility. Guests have a 3 hour time limit.

Members may have a maximum of 2 guests per visit. If you bring 2 guests, only 2 people in the group may shoot at one time.

Members under the age of 21 may not have guests under 18 years of age.

Guests have a 3 hour time limit per visit.

Teach your guests to always point their guns downrange. It is your responsibility to teach and enforce range safety with your guests.

WEATHER

The range may close at any time (Weather/Holidays), so please call before coming to ensure it is open (804-781-1945). Any type of severe weather statement issued by NOAA, for the county (Hanover) or regional area (Central Virginia) in regard to the current conditions at the range, our club, the range will be closed. Please refer to NOAA (weather.gov).

Any time there is SNOW or ICE on the ground, the range will be closed.

Any time the windchill is forecast to remain below freezing the entire day, the range will be closed.

Any time the heat index is forecast to reach 100 degrees or more, the range will be closed.

SAFETY ON THE RANGE

*This is mandatory: DO NOT use any range unless you and your guests have proper eye and hearing protection. We cannot be responsible for loss of

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hearing or sight. Before you begin firing, check to see that the people around you have hearing protection. It is a simple courtesy to other members.

*You may fire only from the firing line. The firing line is different depending on the range. (The 15 and 25 yard ranges are the same, and the 50 and 100 yard ranges are the same).

*A COLD LINE on all ranges means that ALL shooting stops on this range. All weapons must be unloaded. **This includes removing the magazine, and bolt open or removed, so the chamber can be seen without touching the firearm.**

*This is to permit shooters to go forward of the firing line to post new targets or recover their targets prior to leaving. EVERYONE on the firing line must agree that the line is COLD before ANYONE can go forward. **No gun handling. No one is to touch a firearm while the range is cold.**

*A HOT LINE on your range means shooting resumes and no one may go forward of the firing line for any reason.

*CEASE FIRE on your range means that all shooting stops on the range immediately. This may be due to an emergency of any type. Your assistance may be needed. During a CEASE FIRE, everyone must stop shooting immediately and wait for instructions from the RSO. CEASE FIRE and STOP can be announced by anyone observing an unsafe condition. All firearms must be placed on the table with the muzzle pointed down range with the action open and empty. No firearms are to be touched or handled on the firing line when COLD LINE or CEASE FIRE has been called.

If you ask for a COLD LINE and everyone does not respond, then the line is NOT COLD, and no one goes in front of the tables.

All firearms must be unloaded, and in a case, bag, or holster until the firing line is declared HOT.

Keep all loaded weapons pointed down-range and check your weapon twice to ensure the chamber is empty before leaving the firing line.

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All rounds must strike the backer and enter the berm. Shooters in violation of this very important safety rule will be reported to local law enforcement.

GENERAL RANGE RULES

Targets should be at least 2” from all vertical framing and all steel framing. All members are encouraged to point out unsafe acts to the person acting in an unsafe manor. If they respond on a negative manor, or you feel uncomfortable doing so, please contact someone in the office ASAP.

Use paper targets only. All targets must be attached to the backers. No cans, ect, are permitted to be used as targets. If you are found using other things for targets, you will be asked to leave.

All shots must hit the plywood backers and the berms. No targets are to be placed above or below the backer.

Practice safety by following the rules listed above in the section Safety on the Range.

If you are teaching your child to shoot, start them on the 25 yard range. New or inexperienced shooters should be watched closely. Teach them to always point their guns down range. It is **your responsibility** to teach and practice range safety.

In the absence of a Range Safety Officer (RSO), the first member arriving assumes the duties of a RSO and oversees the conduct of everyone on the range. This does not relieve other members of the responsibility of enforcing the Range Rules. The person assuming the duties of the RSO shall appoint a replacement prior to leaving the range.

There will be containers placed on each range for all members and guests to place expended cartridge casings if they wish, as is already in use on the 15yd pistol range. Please continue to place all shotgun shells in the waste receptacles on the ranges where shotguns are permitted. If you wish to reload your own casings, feel free to pick up **your own**. **All other casings left**

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by other shooters are property of the range and will be collected daily by range staff.

RANGE SPECIFIC RULES-

15 Yard Range

If you are 6' tall or taller, place your target on the lower portion of the stand. All rules from Safety on the Range apply in addition to range specific rules below.

These rules are posted on the Range along with other safety reminders.

Only handguns may be used on this range. A Taurus Judge, S&W Governor, or other pistol capable of firing .410 shotgun shells may be fired on this range, but only with center fire ammunition. No shotgun shells allowed.

All shooting is to be done from a standing position ONLY. Do not lean or rest on the tables. There are no chairs for this range. Please do not attempt to bring chairs to this range.

Only one backer is permitted per shooting station. Do not pull another over. Absolutely no shooting across to other backers.

Due to the height of the tables and the need to shoot over them, anyone under 5 feet in height is prohibited from shooting on this range.

All targets are to be placed on the plywood backer provided. On this range only the backers may be moved forward or back.

25 YARD RANGE

All rules from Safety on the Range apply in addition to range specific rules below.

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These rules are posted on the Range along with other safety reminders.

No part of your target may extend above or below the backer.

Chairs and tables are provided for this range.

Although primarily a pistol range, it can be used for sighting in rifles.

This range is open to all weapons, including shotguns (**on the far left lanes only**).

Anyone using shotguns is required to use the **far left lanes only** and must pick up all expended shells before leaving the range.

The tables are wide enough to support long guns, so make sure they are unloaded and placed on the table with the muzzle pointed downrange, locked open so the chamber can easily be seen, and empty. They are not to be touched unless the range has been called HOT.

All guns are to be pointed downrange when loaded.

Remember, the safety of other members is as important as yours.

50 YARD RANGE

All rules from Safety on the Range apply in addition to range specific rules below.

These rules are posted on the Range along with other safety reminders.

No part of your target may extend above or below the backer.

Concrete benches and chairs have been provided for zeroing in rifles. They are set up to accept a bench rest and/or spotting scope.

All benches should have carpet mats or pads on them.

The tables located behind the benches are for cases, cleaning, and any needed equipment. Only **unloaded** guns are allowed there.

You can shoot from the prone or sitting position on this range, but you must stay behind, or in line with the concrete benches' ***front edge***.

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If you shoot a shotgun on this range, you must pick up all expended shells before leaving the range.

When using a shotgun, **use the far right lanes.**

100 YARD RANGE

All rules from Safety on the Range apply in addition to range specific rules below.

These rules are posted on the Range along with other safety reminders.

No part of your target may extend above or below the backer.

Concrete benches and chairs have been provided for zeroing in rifles. They are set up to accept a bench rest and/or spotting scope.

All benches should have carpet mats or pads on them.

The tables located behind the benches are for cases, cleaning, and any needed equipment. Only **unloaded** guns are allowed there.

You can shoot from the prone or sitting position on this range, but you must stay behind, or in line with the concrete benches' ***front edge.***

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All rules from Safety on the Range apply in addition to range specific rules below.

This range is to be used **ONLY** for matches, training, or special events. It is **not** to be used for shooters without supervision.

TRAP RANGE RULES

All rules from Safety on the Range apply in addition to range specific rules below.

This range is to be used for “trap shooting” only.

The current fee is \$15.00 per 25 shots fired (cash or check only). Shooters are required to pick up all expended shells.

The tables located behind the benches are for cases, cleaning, and any needed equipment. Only **unloaded** guns are allowed there.

You can shoot from the prone or sitting position on this range, but you must stay behind, or in line with the concrete benches' ***front edge***.

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