



Santa Rosa Shooting Center

Range Operations Guide

1. General.

- a. All shooters and guests at Santa Rosa Shooting Center (SRSC) observe basic gun safety rules:
 - i. **ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.**
 - ii. **ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**
 - iii. **ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.**
- b. All Staff, Shooters, and Guests must wear eye and ear protection while on the Sporting Clay courses, within fencing at Trap, Skeet, and 5-Stand fields, and after entering the Pistol and Rifle range. On the Sporting Clays courses, eye and ear protection will be worn when travelling between stations. On the Pistol and Rifle range, eye and ear protection will continue to be worn when range is placed in a short-term COLD status.
- c. Handling firearms while intoxicated is prohibited at SRSC. Anyone indicating signs of intoxication or suspected of being intoxicated will be asked to leave the shooting courses or ranges.
- d. Children 17 and under must be escorted by a supervising adult. An adult must be within arms-reach of the firearm when children are firing.
- e. All shooters must check-in at the clubhouse before shooting. Outside of regular operating hours, Sporting Clay members must sign-in at members' gate.
- f. Do not bring firearms into the clubhouse. When arriving to and departing from SRSC, leave firearms in a vehicle or in racks on front/back porches before entering the clubhouse. In transport to and from the ranges, firearms should be configured according to some combination of the following: firearm is unloaded and magazine removed, the safety engaged, in a range bag or case, the action open, bolt/slide locked to the rear, and/or chamber block/flag visibly inserted.

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- g. Shooters must be aware of their target and what is beyond it. Shooters do not engage target frames, trap barricades, fencing, or buildings. Shooters are responsible for any damage to SRSC property caused outside the course of regular facility use.
 - h. All shooters are responsible for policing spent brass and hulls.
 - i. Dogs are welcome at SRSC. Owners are responsible for dogs when on premises. Dogs should be well-trained, accustomed to gun-fire, and socialized to people and other dogs. Dogs at SRSC should not show interest in the resident cats. Service dogs may escort shooters down-range on the pistol and rifle ranges when addressing targets during COLD status.
 - j. Guests should park in the gravel area that extends from the main gate to the clubhouse. When the gravel lot is full, guests may park in Booger Park while keeping the cart paths clear. Guests may not drive their passenger vehicles onto the Sporting Clay Courses, the Trap & Skeet fields, or the maintenance road East of the Clubhouse.
2. Emergencies
- a. 1st Aid Kits can be found at the following locations: behind the Pistol and Rifle range, at the main pavilion, at Station 5 on the Green Clay course, the entrance to the Red Clay Course, on Operations Staff carts, and the clubhouse. AED located in the clubhouse.
 - b. Dial 911 in case of emergency; location address is 6950 Quintette Road, Pace, Florida 32571. Render aid, if possible, and contact SRSC staff at the clubhouse as soon as possible.
 - c. Fire extinguishers are located at the clubhouse, with Operations Staff carts, and the maintenance building. In case of wildfire, do not call 911. Notify SRSC staff or call Santa Rosa Forestry (850-957-6145).
3. Member Access
- a. SRSC Sporting Clay members have access to the Sporting Clay courses, Trap and Skeet fields, and 5-Stand when the facility is closed. Clay members access facilities via the member gate located west of the main gate on Quintette Road. Pistol and Rifle members do not have access to ranges when SRSC is closed.

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4. Clay Shooting - Sporting Clays, Trap, Skeet, and 5-Stand
 - a. Shooters check in / sign in at the clubhouse before shooting.
 - b. Shooters wear eye and ear protection at all times when on clay courses.
 - c. Only one shooter should load and shoot at a time; the shooter should only load their firearm when in the shooting window and oriented downrange; shooters may only load 2 shells at a time; other shooters observe target engagement, operate trap controls, and should always remain behind the shooter.
 - d. Shooters ensure their firearm is unloaded before leaving the shooting window at each station.
 - e. It is appropriate for shooters police hulls within and around each station. Shooters may not move down range for any reason. If assistance is needed, shooters should call the clubhouse (850-995-9377).
 - f. Shooters and guests are welcome to use personal carts, UTVs, and side-by-sides on the courses. Golf carts may be rented (as available) at the clubhouse. Carts should be kept, generally, at walking speed, on designated paths, and driven with consideration for other shooters and guests.
 - g. Shooters may shoot any stations on the Green and Red Courses. Return clay cards to clubhouse when shooting is complete.
 - h. Shooters should report any inoperable equipment, observed unsafe acts, wildfires, and emergencies to SRSC staff.
 - i. Shooters engage only intended clay targets. Do not engage wildlife, structures, or barriers. Shooters should never engage a target that is outside the left and right limits at any shooting station.
 - j. Size 7.5, 8, and 9 are the only authorized loads on the clay courses and Patterning Board. Maximum load is 1-1/8 ounces. Shooters ensure the correct gauge shells for their firearm.
5. Pistol and Rifle Range
 - a. SRSC Range Safety Officers (RSO), when present, are primarily tasked with ensuring range safety. RSOs have broad discretion to further restrict this Range Operations Guide as needed. RSOs may not relax any of the rules of this guide. RSOs may remove any shooter or guest from the range or the facility for unsafe

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behavior. RSOs have full authority to prohibit the firing of any firearm or ammunition they deem unsafe or unauthorized.

- b. Shooters should plan to arrive at SRSC with firearms unloaded/magazines removed. Shooters who arrive at SRSC with loaded firearms should not unload and clear their firearms in the parking area. If arriving with loaded firearms, shooters should not manipulate the action of their firearm until at the firing line and when the range is HOT.
- c. Any shooter, guest, or member of staff may call CEASE FIRE. Upon hearing the CEASE FIRE call, shooters immediately place firearms on SAFE and keep firearms oriented down range. Shooters then gain situational awareness of the CEASE FIRE call; if appropriate, shooters may then unload their firearms, open the actions, place the firearms on the firing position tables, and step rearward.
- d. It is appropriate to call CEASE FIRE under any of the following circumstances: person(s) forward of the firing line when range is in HOT status; unsafe or reckless actions on the firing line; inaccurate or unaimed fire that results in impacts outside of the designated range; medical emergencies; animals or obstructions on the range; use of unauthorized ammunition or firearms; or, any conditions that may result in physical harm to SRSC guests or damage to SRSC property. Please notify the RSO or SRSC staff in any of these circumstances before returning the range to a HOT status.
- e. SRSC will initiate CEASE FIRE 15 minutes prior to closing each day, when lightning strikes within 1 mile of SRSC, and during medical emergencies.
- f. Shooters are responsible for policing their spent brass (behind and in front of the firing line) and retrieving their targetry from the range. A brass container and trash can are located at the entrances to the firing lines. Discard dud cartridges in marked containers.
- g. Shooters and guests should consider placing cell phones on *silent* and waiting until other shooters finish firing before asking for a COLD status as a general courtesy to other shooters.
- h. Restrictions:

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- i. No firing from holster draw. With prior coordination, Law Enforcement agencies, military groups, and shooting associations may conduct directed training that can include more dynamic firing techniques.
- ii. No rapid fire. While firing in rhythm is certainly authorized, shooters should keep their rate of fire a slower than 1 second intervals (*One Mississippi – FIRE – Two Mississippi – FIRE*).
- iii. No smoking or vaping on the firing line. A covered smoking area is provided behind (South) the pistol and rifle range.
- iv. No cross-range shooting. Shooters engage only the target in line with their firing position. Shooters hang their targets such that their bullet will impact the berm(s).
- v. Restricted Ammunition and Firearms:
 1. No cartridges with muzzle velocity greater than 3,000 fps
 2. Steel core, armor piercing, tracer, and incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
 3. Automatic-fire, large bore firearms, destructive/explosive devices
- i. Changes to HOT and COLD range status is determined by agreement among shooters on the firing line. When present, a SRSC RSO may control changes in HOT and COLD status to facilitate range operations.
- j. When range is COLD:
 - i. Shooters place firearms on SAFE, unload the firearm, lock actions open/bolt or slide locked rearward, and ejection port facing up. Firearms remain oriented downrange and are placed on the firing position table.
 - ii. Shooters step behind firing line and replace rope barrier to the firing line.
 - iii. Shooters may reload (detachable) magazines but may not touch firearms.
 - iv. When all firearms are made safe and confirmed CLEAR and the rope barrier is replaced, shooters turn ON the sound alarm and may move down range to address their targets. Shooters may police spent brass ejected down range at this time – but shooters may not police brass at the firing line until the range returns to a HOT status.

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- v. The range may not return to HOT status until all shooters are behind the firing line.
- vi. All shooters and guests on the range continue to wear eye and ear protection in COLD status.
- vii. Shooters should enter or depart the range *before* any other COLD status actions occur.
- k. When range is HOT:
 - i. The sound alarm is turned OFF and the rope barrier to the firing line is lowered.
 - ii. Keeping the firearm oriented down range, shooters may reload, manipulate sights/optics, and resume firing when ready.
 - iii. Firearms should remain SAFE and shooters should keep fingers outside the trigger well until intentionally engaging the target.
 - iv. Shooters may secure their firearms and enter or depart the range.
- 6. Archery
 - a. All shooters must check in at the clubhouse before using the archery range
 - b. Remember that a bow and arrow is a dangerous weapon and should be treated with as much respect as a loaded gun
 - c. Never point and draw a bow and arrow toward another archer; always keep your bow with a loaded arrow pointed down range
 - d. No person shall be allowed on the range who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol; no consumption of drugs or alcohol will be permitted on the range
 - e. Always walk, do not run, on the range
 - f. Ensure your equipment is in good working condition
 - g. Always be absolutely sure that the path to the target and beyond is clear
 - h. Let other shooters know you are looking for a lost arrow; never go behind a target while shooting alone to look for lost arrows without leaving your bow in front of the target; be mindful of snakes and other wildlife while looking for lost arrows
 - i. Never knowingly shoot a broken or cracked arrow
 - j. No sky drawing; draw the bow level, never shoot straight up into the air.

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- k. Communication
 - i. When two or more archers are using the range, do not cross the shooting line until all archers are done shooting, with their bow on the rack or in a rested position; say “Pull” when it is clear to cross the shooting line
 - ii. When two or more archers are using the range, do not nock an arrow until all archers are on the shooting side of the firing line; say “Clear” to begin shooting
- l. Stand behind the shooting line while shooting; do not straddle the beam
- m. Restrictions
 - i. Field Tips only; no use of tips other than those designed for target or field archery (ex.: no use of broadheads or small game tips)
 - ii. Crossbows are ONLY allowed on the range by exception and may only engage designated targets
 - iii. No hunting on Santa Rosa Shooting Center property
- n. Protect your sport by being careful at all times and make sure of your target before shooting

This Range Operations Guide is intended to create a common understanding of shooters’ safe behaviors and actions, range restrictions, and situational protocols. While many of these guidelines are universal, this document also helps guests, whether new or experienced shooters, to use and enjoy SRSC facilities, specifically, safely and appropriately.

All guests, shooters, and staff at SRSC are expected to know and abide by this Range Operations Guide while on and/or using SRSC facilities.