

VOLUSIA COUNTY GUN AND HUNT CLUB (VCGHC)

RANGE RULES AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

Range Rules

1. Shooting hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. However, hours are subject to Range Safety Officer (RSO) availability. Please check the RSO calendar on the website for the hours of operation for each day. RSO's work on a volunteer basis and donate their time for the benefit of the members. Please respect the hours posted by them.

2. New member orientations can only be scheduled when there are at least two RSO's on duty. Upon scheduling, new members are informed to bring their firearms with them, that the orientation can take from 30 - 90 minutes, and are provided with a copy of the RSO Guidelines for their information.

3. **RSO's are required to verify membership.** When arriving at the range you must check in with the on duty RSO, show your current membership card, and sign in. You must have your membership ID with you at all times while on the range property.

4. Unless otherwise exempted by the Director or his designee, you may bring a maximum of four guests per visit. You are responsible for your guests and must be with them at all times when they are shooting, they may not handle guns while unattended. All guests must complete a liability waiver containing the following statements:

"By signing below I acknowledge that as a Volusia County Gun & Hunt Club (VCGHC) member, or the guest of a member, I have read and understand the VCGHC Range Rules and Operating Procedures as instructed by the member. If I am participating in a scheduled competitive event I understand that I am a guest of the Match Director and am required to have made myself aware of all Range Rules and Operational Procedures. I understand that the VCGHC reserves to right to discontinue all shooting activities for violating the Range Rules and Operating Procedures or any acts of unsafe behavior on my part as determined by a VCGHC Range Safety Officer (RSO) or Match Director. A daily fee of \$15.00 per guest will apply."

"NOTICE: THIS WAIVER MUST BE EXECUTED BY ALL GUESTS OF PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE. ALL MINOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF PRINCIPALS OR GUESTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE MUST HAVE ONLY THEIR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN EXECUTE THIS WAIVER ON THE BEHALF SAID MINOR. "

5. **Everyone must wear eye protection at all times anywhere on the property.** Hearing protection should be worn when near active shooting.

6. Only those Firearm Instructor members certified by the NRA or a Federal, State, County, or Municipal law enforcement agency, with a VCGHC Firearm Instructor Authorization in place, may teach or instruct at the VCGHC. **Unauthorized Certified Firearm Instructor members are prohibited from teaching or instructing in any capacity, including non compensatory or for financial benefit. Violators and students will lose their membership privileges.**

Members not certified as a Firearms Instructor by the NRA or any federal, state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency may coach others for no compensation or financial benefit.

7. Persons holding a concealed weapon or firearms license may carry concealed while on the range. **However, the firearm must remain concealed at all times if not being used for practice.** If you wish

to shoot the concealed weapon in the open it must be withdrawn from concealment and unloaded under the direction of an RSO. To reload and re-conceal the firearm it must be done so under the direction of an RSO. If you wish to practice from concealment, at the on duty RSO's discretion, you may be asked to demonstrate the ability to do so in a safe and proficient manner. **Law enforcement personnel may carry weapons in accordance with departmental policies.**

8. No alcoholic beverages, empty alcohol beverage containers, or glass containers are allowed on the range. Do not shoot if you are on any medications that cause drowsiness or may otherwise impair your judgment.

9. Please clean up after yourself by putting all appropriate trash into the provided barrels. **Cardboard targets and discarded sticks should be placed in the blue dumpster near the Connex.**

10. Shooter's are responsible for replacing any property damaged by their actions.

11. Absolutely no shooting of domestic livestock or wild game on the range.

12. Please pick up all brass, **especially .22LR**, and it put into the brass buckets, cases other than brass should be disposed of in the trash barrels. You may take your own brass; however, brass that makes its way into the buckets becomes range property. Proceeds from the sale of this brass are used to replenish range supplies that benefit all members. Anyone caught taking brass out of the buckets will be asked to leave. If it happens again, you will lose your membership privileges.

13. The Woods Bay Shoot House is used for various competitive matches held at the range and is not available to the general membership unless under the direct supervision of a VCGHC Active RSO, Corporate Firearms Instructor, Visiting Firearms Instructor, Match Director Squad RO, or otherwise exempted by the Director or his designees.

14. Class 3 weapons are allowed with prior RSO notification and proper credentials, e.g., law enforcement officer, NFA tax stamp, or a NFA Class III dealer. All NFA rules apply.

Operational Procedures

1. **Privately owned vehicles are not allowed on the handgun bays, they must remain in the designated parking areas outside of the large timbers unless otherwise exempted by the Director or his designees.**

2. **Transporting Firearms:** All handguns, loaded or unloaded, must be carried to a *shooting station fully encased to be unpacked and repacked, if loaded it must be unloaded under the direction of an RSO. **(Handguns may not be hand carried in a holster).** Upon reaching the shooting station if you have a holster you may then transfer the handgun from its case to the holster. Uncased guns must be stored at the shooting station, **they are not allowed on the picnic tables.** Range bags and gun cases are allowed at the picnic tables, ammunition is allowed at the shooting station or picnic tables. Guns are allowed on the white "Safe Tables", **ammunition is not.**

Long guns must be in a gun case **or** have the action locked open, a chamber flag inserted, magazine removed, and be pointed straight down while being transported. Long guns not in use must have the action locked open with a chamber flag installed in the ejection port. Chamber flags are available for sale at the sign in RV.

*** Shooting stations are at the gray tables within each action bay, there will be only one shooting station within each bay. A maximum of two shooters are allowed at each shooting station at one time.**

3. Long guns are not allowed to shoot at club steel in the action bays regardless of the caliber and shooting at any steel, with any gun, is not allowed in bays 1 and 2.

The steel dueling tree must remain in bay 3, do not shoot at it any closer than 10 yards; steel plates must remain in bays 5 and 6 and be shot at from the end of the reset rope.

4. All guns not in use must have the action locked open with the ejection port facing up or the cylinder open so anyone can verify the firearms are safe. If your handgun is such that the action will not stay open on its own you must use a chamber flag, long guns must use a chamber flag at all times.

5. Keep all firearms unloaded until you are on the firing line and ready to shoot.

Paragraphs 6 and 7 are the number one violated rules by members, especially in regards to their responsibilities for guests not being aware of our Range Rules. If in doubt please consult a RSO.

6. When shooting from behind a shooting station:

With a holster: Draw, load and shoot the gun. After shooting a semi automatic remove and secure the magazine, check for a clear gun, release the slide, point it downrange and pull the trigger, then holster the gun. If the gun has a magazine disconnect you will have to insert an empty magazine to pull the trigger. After shooting a revolver open the cylinder to remove the empty cases then close the cylinder and holster the gun.

Without a holster: Pick up, load and shoot the gun. After shooting a semi automatic remove and secure the magazine, check for a clear gun, then lay the gun down with the action open and facing up. After shooting a revolver open the cylinder to remove the empty cases then lay the gun down with the cylinder open and facing up.

7. When shooting in front of a shooting station:

With a holster; Proceed to the firing line, draw, load and shoot the gun. After shooting a semiautomatic remove and secure the magazine, check for a clear gun, then holster the gun and return to the rear of the table. After shooting a revolver, open the cylinder to remove the empty cases and close the cylinder, then holster the gun and return to the rear of the gray table.

Without a holster; with the gun unloaded proceed forward to the firing line with the muzzle pointed at the rear berm then load and shoot the gun. After shooting a semi automatic remove and secure the magazine, and check for a clear gun. After shooting a revolver, open the cylinder to remove the empty cases then close the cylinder. With either, turn 90 degrees either way and position the gun downrange with your hand on top so that you can carry it like a briefcase, complete the turn facing up range and proceed to the shooting station with the gun pointing downrange. If right handed pass the shooting station on the left side and lay the gun down with the action open and facing up. If left handed pass the shooting station on the right side and lay the gun down with the action open and facing up.

8. Do not carry any firearm outside of the bay unless it is unloaded and holstered or fully encased.

9. For General Members; Unless under the direct supervision of a VCGHC Active RSO, Corporate Firearms Instructor, visiting Firearms Instructor, Competitive Match Squad RO, or exempted by the Director or his designees, targets must set up against the rear berm with the shooting station providing 180 degree coverage within the side berms.

For Competitive Shooter Members; Targets must be set up so that all bullets impact a berm without striking the ground with shooting stations providing 180 coverage within the side berms. On duty RSO's are tasked to inquire regarding your status as a competitive shooter, but to not require documentation, and ensure that target placement is in accordance with the above.

10. At an RSO's discretion, members may be asked to demonstrate the ability to perform combat or quick draw practice in a safe and proficient manner before being allowed to do so.

11. Do not handle any firearm for any reason while people are down range.

12. If you have a misfire, cease firing and keep the firearm pointed downrange for 30 seconds before opening the action.

13. If you have a firearm malfunction and cannot clear it, keep it inside the bay, pointed down range at the rear berm, and call the RSO on duty. If the malfunction cannot be cleared the RSO will carry the firearm to your vehicle.

RIFLE RANGE RULES:

Privately owned vehicles are allowed on the rifle range to set and check targets.

*1. Long guns must be in a gun case or have the action locked open, a chamber flag inserted, magazine removed, and be pointed straight down while being transported to a shooting station, **not the safe table or bench behind the shooting stations.** If cased it must be unpacked and repacked at the shooting station, do not handle guns in any manner when the range is in a "cold condition". Be extremely aware of muzzle discipline at all times while transporting guns and on the firing line.

2. Long guns not in use must have the action locked open with a chamber flag installed in the ejection port, so anyone can verify the firearm is safe. Chamber flags are available for sale at the sign in RV.

3. Targets must be placed on the provided backboards and allow the shooter to see the berm on both sides and the top and bottom of the target. Target placement areas are clearly designated; please do not put targets on, above, or below the timbers that support the backboards.

4. Targets may not be set at intermediate distances; to shoot at distances less than 100 yards you must do so at a handgun action bay.

5. New members must demonstrate the ability to handle long guns in a safe and proficient manner while keeping bullets within 10 MOA at a minimum of 100 yards with iron sights and within 10 MOA out to 300 yards with iron sights or optics.

6. If members require instruction in mounting optics, sighting in, or demonstrating the ability to handle long guns in a safe and proficient manner within 10 MOA at a minimum of 100 yards, they must contact Sean Beery, Director VCGHC, at 386-717-1394 to arrange for private instruction.

7. Please clean up after yourself by putting all trash into the provide barrels

*With the exception of black powder long guns.