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SHOOTING HOURS: 9:00 am till 9:00 pm or dusk (whichever comes first)

GENERAL RULES

1. ENTRY RULES

A. All Members will Swipe their Fob Key for both entry and departure every time they come to the club even if the gate is already open.

B. All guests using Central Whidbey Sportsmen's Association facilities MUST sign in upon arrival in the RANGE LOGBOOK located at the main gate entrance shed. By guests signing in they agree to our Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement. If they refuse to sign in the logbook, they are not allowed on the club Grounds. The Club Member is the **RESPONSIBLE PERSON** for their guest. A club member must always accompany guests.

C. Shooters under 18 years of age **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT (AGE 21+)**.

D. Members using the range must have their membership card displayed on the lanyard provided or tied to their gun bag or on their person and must display it upon request of a Range Safety Officer or Board Member.

E. During organized CWSA events the **RESPONSIBLE PERSON** for the range in-use for the event is the person organizing and directing the event. All participants must swipe their Fob Key entering and leaving the club.

F. Law enforcement organized activities will be signed for, in and out, at the guest logbook located in the shed by the senior officer in charge or agency firearms instructor, who also is the **RESPONSIBLE PERSON**.

G. During informal range use, the **RESPONSIBLE PERSON** is the club member(s) who has logged in with their fob key and thereby accepts responsibility for the operation, safety and conduct of themselves and their guests.

2. PARKING/VEHICLES

A. Vehicles are to be parked in the lot adjacent to the club house/short range.

B. Vehicles may park at the rear of the rifle range firing line by the berms to maintain a fire lane.

C. Vehicles displaying a handicap permit may drive to the entrance of all bays and unload their gear.

D. At no time are vehicles to be driven over the concrete ribbons on the trap range.

E. Vehicles are not permitted to park in any of the bays. You may drive in the bays to drop off gear and then return to the parking area.

3. RANGES

A. All ranges have **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE**.

4. Target

A. Except for provided steel in Bay 1, and 5 also provided gong targets on the short range 13,100- and 200-yard ranges, **Hog fencing target in Bay 6 for shotgun only**, and provided pins and pin tops on the Pin Range, paper/cardboard targets are the **ONLY AUTHORIZED TARGETS ON ALL RANGES** except for organized events/competitions authorized by the Executive Committee.

B. **No target or any part of a target may be placed over or on a painted red line, target support post, or railroad tie. Targets must be placed fully within the authorized target backing area.**

C. Club provided steel targets are authorized only in bay 1 and 5 except for organized events/competitions authorized by the Executive Committee. Bay 1 and 5 contains stands for steel disks. The disks should stay stored on the plate stands and are not to be removed from bay 1 and 5.

- D. Bowling pin tops and bowling pins are the **ONLY** authorized targets on the Pin Range except for organized events/competitions authorized by the Executive Committee.
- E. The Pin Range and shooting bays 1 through 5 are for pistol use only and pistol caliber's only, **RIFLE CALIBERS with the exception for organized events/competitions authorized by the Executive Committee.**
- F. **Tracer, incendiary, armor-piercing ammunition, exploding targets, ground bouncing targets, personal gong targets or any target of these types are prohibited on all ranges.**
- G. Archery range # 15 is located adjacent to the trap range. The trap range is closed when archery is being shot. Archery is closed when trap is being shot. Recurve, compound or crossbows may be used. **BROADHEADS MAY BE USED AT THE BROADHEAD "TARGET ONLY". BLUNT TIPS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** Field points, bullet points, and broadheads "**IN BROADHEAD TARGET ONLY**" is the only authorized arrow tips. Ranges are first come first serve.
- H. Range 6 is for **shotgun only**, and ranges 7, 8 are for pistol, rifle, and carbine shooting.

5. **Shotguns**

- A. The only permitted shot sizes on the Trap Range are #7 ½ and /or **SMALLER**. Do not shoot trap when the Archery range, 100, 200-yard rifle ranges or bays 3, 4 or 5 are in use. The 100-yard and 200-yard range are **CLOSED** when the Trap Range is in use. All ranges have first come first serve unless it's a scheduled shoot.
- B. The Short Range #13 has the 10, 25, 50, and 75-yard target boards for use **ONLY** by firearms firing a single projectile per trigger pull. **SHOTGUN firing SLUGS ONLY** are permitted on the firing line of the Short Range #13 and 100- and 200-yard range for sighting in your shotgun for hunting only. If you need to pattern a shotgun, or anything else firing multiple projectiles such as "The Judge," using shot from 000 down to #12 you may do so by going to Range # 6 and utilize the **hog fencing target** for shotgun and tactical shotgun. shooting **Bring your own paper targets with clothes pins or tape.** There is also a pattern steel plate located in the corner of the Trap Range that may also be used for **SHOTGUNS ONLY** using #7 ½ or smaller shot. **NO STEEL SHOT OR SLUGS WILL BE FIRED AT THE STEEL PATTERN BOARD.** Use nothing that will cause a dimple in the steel. Spray paint is available in the club house by phone for the pattern board.

6. Maintenance

- A. Shooters SHALL police their firing area when finished. All brass, steel, and aluminum cases, **shotshell casings** and trash must be picked up including removing targets from the target boards. Containers for spent cases and trash are provided.
- B. Range is closed during normally scheduled working parties, except for club sanctioned events.
- C. Do not move large brown tables in bays 1-5. They are for placing your gear on only.

7. FULLY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS

- A. **Are not permitted on the premises.** Additionally, firing any weapon at a sustained high rate of speed is **PROHIBITED** except for organized events/competitions authorized by the Executive Committee. (This type of firing is sometimes called a "Magazine Dump.")

8. SAFETY

- A. Muzzles of ALL uncased or un-holstered firearms SHALL be pointed downrange or be in a rack with its action open. Firearms SHALL be unloaded, and actions open except when firing.
- B. For any malfunction that you cannot clear, maintain muzzle pointed downrange, lay the firearm down and notify the responsible person or Range Safety Officer if available.
- C. Notify the Responsible Person or Range Safety Officer of any conduct or situation that appears unsafe.
- D. When a cease fire is in effect and the range is "cold", ALL firearms shall be cased, racked, holstered, or laid down with actions open, magazines removed and/or cylinders cleared, and "Chamber Flags in place" while muzzles are pointed downrange. Shooters shall step behind the safety line and shall NOT handle or touch their firearm. This is the ONLY time when you may advance in front of the firing line.
- E. Shooting glasses with side protection and ear protection SHALL be worn on or near the firing line.

- F. Non-shooters must stay back of the designated safety line. All shooting will occur between the designated safety line and the front of the firing station or bench.
- G. Persons appearing adversely affected by drugs, alcohol or prescription medications are restricted from any CWSA ranges.
- H. **Central Whidbey Sportsman Association Is a NON-SMOKING and NON-VAPING facility.**
- I. Children must be always kept under CLOSE adult supervision on CWSA property and wear eye, and hearing protection as listed in section 5G.

9. Range Safety Officer

- A. Range Safety Officers, hereafter called RSO's are hereby vested with the authority to investigate possible violations of association rules. Any RSO who determines a violation has occurred shall make every effort to correct the violation through education and voluntary compliance by the member committing the violation.
- B. Upon request to any member by an RSO, the member shall produce their membership card and answer any questions the RSO may have about the possible violation. Failure to display the membership card or answer the RSOs questions will be grounds for immediate ejection from the range for that day and a violation report submitted for review by the board.
- C. A RSO who determines an incident report is necessary shall complete the CWSA Range Safety incident report and place a copy in the incident report box in the shed by the gate. The RSO shall give a copy to the member who committed the violation unless the member refuses to accept the copy. The RSO shall inform the RSO Coordinator of the report so it can be brought up to the next board meeting for further action. The violator must appear before the board or lose access to the club by turning off the FOB key as directed by the board of Directors.
- D. RSOs are not authorized to use any kind of force to remove a member from the premises. If a member refuses to comply with an order by an RSO to leave the premises, the RSO shall request assistance from the Island County Sheriff's Office.

10. **Basic General Firearm Safety Rules**

A. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

B. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire. Use your safety...but remember that safeties sometime fail!

C. Be sure of your target and what lies beyond it before firing.

D. Never place or carry a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle.

E. Never use a firearm unless you are familiar with how it works.

F. Be sure of the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.

G. Never cross a fence, climb a tree, cross a stream, or jump a ditch with a loaded firearm.

H. Never point a firearm at anything you do not want to shoot. Never shoot at a flat, hard surface or water.

I. Unload firearms when they are not in use. Store firearms and ammunition separately.

J. Never use alcohol or drugs before or during firearm handling.

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