



Sheridan County Sportsmen's Association

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GENERAL USE RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGES

Standard Operating Procedure

1. The following General Rules apply to all SCSA outdoor ranges (General Use and Controlled):
 - a. Obey all SCSA Range Safety Officer (RSO) commands.
 - b. No handling of firearms when someone is in front of the firing line (downrange).
 - c. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
 - d. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
 - e. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
 - f. Keep actions open **when not firing, and when the range is cold.**
 - g. Eye and hearing protection must be worn by all shooters and any other persons present at the range when the range is hot unless they are within a closed vehicle (windows and doors closed).
 - h. Ranges are for paper targets & SCSA provided steel and reactive targets only.
 - i. No glass, plastic, exploding, or private steel targets.
 - j. Placement of targets at ground level is prohibited due to ricochet danger.
 - k. No shot shells.
 - l. No firing of 50 BMG.
 - m. No fully automatic fire.

2. These rules apply to the outdoor General Use Rifle and Pistol Ranges which are accessed through the main gate:
 - a. Range 1 – Primarily a rifle range with targets located at distances of 50 yards, 100 yards, 200 yards, and 300 yards. There are target boards at all these distances plus steel targets at 200, 300, and 350 yards.
 - b. 25 Yard Pit, 15 Yard Pit, 7 Yard Pit, 50 Foot Pit - Both a rifle and pistol range with target boards for paper or cardboard targets. There are several reactive / self-healing swinging targets on each range. No hollow point bullets to be used on the self-healing swinging targets. No steel targets allowed on these ranges.
 - c. Range 2 - Primarily a rifle range with targets located at distances of 50 yards, 100 yards, 200 yards, 300 yards, and 400 yards. There are target boards at all these distances plus steel targets at 200, 250, 300, 350, and 400 yards.
 - d. Ranges are open every day from dawn through dusk, weather and maintenance operations permitting.

- e. Access is limited to SCSA members or to non-members paying a “day” fee. **Daily use keys may be rented at the Caretaker’s house, Rocky Mountain Discount Sports, Big Horn Trading, and Sportsman’s Warehouse.**
- f. Open gate using key or key card. Close gate and lock (if unlocked) after entry to the range. Gates must be kept closed and locked at all times except for unique situations approved by the SCSA Executive Committee.
- g. Shooters must shoot from the designated firing lines on Ranges 1 and 2, there is no shooting from behind (uprange of) the designated firing lines on any of the ranges. However, shooters can shoot in front of the designated firing line (shorter distances) **only on** the 25-yard, 15-yard, 7- yard and 50-foot ranges if the NRA Basic Safety Rules are followed:
 - i. Always keep guns pointed in a safe direction.
 - ii. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
 - iii. Always keep gun unloaded until ready to use.
 - iv. **Reminder – there is no handling of firearms when someone is in front of the firing line (downrange).**
- h. On Ranges 1 and 2 there are rotatable signs. When going down range to change targets, rotate the sign so that the **STOP NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS** is turned toward the oncoming vehicles and shooters approaching the firing line. When the firing line is **HOT**, rotate the sign so the STOP is facing down range and the blank side of the sign is facing towards oncoming vehicles and shooters approaching the firing line.
- i. Position the sign so the blank side is facing towards oncoming vehicles and new shooters when leaving the range.
- j. Shooting from behind (**longer distances than**) the designated firing lines is prohibited. Mounting targets higher than the top of the back boards is a safety hazard and is prohibited.
- k. Steel targets are limited to those provided by SCSA on Ranges 1 & 2. Shooters are welcome to repaint the targets if needed. Steel targets are to be painted white unless other colors are approved by the Rifle Director.
- l. Shooting unauthorized items is prohibited. This includes unapproved (**see item 1.i. in the general safety rules above**) targets and range equipment including target supports, towers, flag stands, and signs.
- m. Shooters should cleanup after their shooting session. Garbage cans are located near each of the outdoor shooting pits.
- n. Do not leave unfired cartridges on the grounds, please pick them up and dispose of them properly (not in garbage cans).
- o. Driving downrange is limited to maintenance activities directed by the Rifle Director or by special authorization from the SCSA Executive Committee.
- p. First Aid Kit – A first aid kit, including trauma equipment, is located on the inside wall of the outdoor toilet. An AED is in the Clubhouse behind the counter. If any first aid items are used, notify the Range Director so they may be replaced.

- i. In case of a serious injury, call 911. You will likely have to leave the General Use Rifle and Pistol Ranges to get cell coverage. Make sure someone is designated to meet the ambulance at the gate. If people are available, it is advised to have someone located at the intersection of Soldier Creek Road and Keystone Road to provide directions to the EMS personnel.
- ii. Any serious injuries must be reported immediately to the Rifle Director, Caretaker, or any SCSA Executive Committee member with details of incident date, people involved, and contact information of those involved. An incident report must be written up. Incident report forms are located with the First Aid Kit.
- q. **The SCSA is a family-oriented facility. Inappropriate language or actions should be avoided.**
- r. **Drawing from a holster and self defense drills are allowed on the public access ranges. It must be always done in a safety-first way (always following the three NRA Basic Safety Rules outlined under item 2.g. above) and with due consideration of any other shooter on the same range. Common Sense Rules!**
- s. **Shooting must be done at an angle of fire that ensures hits will impact the berms.**
- t. **All shots fired must be aimed.**
- u. **If any shooting activity is deemed unsafe by a SCSA RSO it will cease immediately at their command!**