



Range Rules

NRA Gun Safety

The fundamental NRA rules for safe gun handling are:

1. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.

This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on different circumstances.

2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

When holding a gun, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.

3. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

Whenever you pick up a gun, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the gun has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition. If you do not know how to open the

action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the gun alone and get help from someone who does.

4. ALWAYS Know your target and what is beyond.

Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot.

Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap. **Think first.**

Shoot second.

Club Policies – General Club Information

The Griffin Gun Club (GGC) is dedicated to providing an aesthetically pleasing, safe and enjoyable experience for all our family members.

1. GGC is a private club for use by members, their spouses and dependent children 18 years old or younger and guests.

- Dependent children and guests must be accompanied by the member.
- A member can only bring up to five (5) guests at a time to the range, only one guest can shoot at a time and must be supervised by the member at all times.
- Each local area guest, living within a 20-mile radius is limited to two visits. After his

or her initial two visits, GGC expects him or her to apply for membership.

2. Everyone must sign a liability release before entering or using any range.
3. Range hours are from sunrise to 10 pm, unless approved by the GGC BoD (Law enforcement night training).
4. The speed limit on club property is 15 mph.
5. Drive only on the roads and park in the proper areas. Never drive over concrete firing lines. Members are expected to walk down range (if able) to hang targets. No parking on or about skeet ranges or on sides of clubhouse except for loading or unloading of equipment or maintenance and vendor setups. Golf carts are an exception.
6. Hunting is not allowed on club properties at any time. It is FORBIDDEN to shoot at or SIGHT AT, live animals while on any range.
7. Members must wear their membership badges on their person and visible at all times while on GGC property.
8. Match Directors and course instructors have control of their range(s) during matches and courses.
9. Smoking, eating and drinking (bottled water with a lid is ok) are discouraged on the firing lines and in bays.

10. Accidents or mishaps, or any problem that needs to be elevated to the Board for action must be reported to a club officer in writing immediately.

11. The first person on a Range will be the Range Safety Officer (RSO), unless, by mutual agreement, that responsibility is turned over to a more experienced person. The RSO must say that he/she is responsible to be the RSO so that all on the range will know and acknowledge it.

12. All minor children 18 years of age and under, not involved in shooting activities must be under direct adult supervision.

13. No non-shooting activity (ball playing, skateboarding, etc.) is allowed on property.

General Range Operational Rules

1. GGC ranges are normally treated as a “cold range” – firearms must remain unloaded with actions open until at a firing line; exception – concealed carry is allowed in areas such as the Club House, restrooms, parking areas, target sheds, and areas outside of ranges where set-up, tear-down or similar activities are taking place, in accordance with GEORGIA Open and Concealed Carry Law. Match operation and Concealed or Loaded Firearms rules may be found in the Appendix under each discipline.

2. Tracers and incendiary rounds are prohibited. Armor piercing and steel core rounds are prohibited

on all steel targets. Exploding targets or other materials such as Tannerite are prohibited.

3. Consumption of Alcoholic beverages and intoxicating drugs and then shooting are prohibited on all ranges at GGC.

4. Appropriate eye and ear protection (for the activity being conducted) is required at all times at the range when in proximity of firing lines. Normally this will be safety glasses and ear plugs or noise reducing ear muffs. Match Directors and course instructors shall determine the appropriate levels of eye and ear protection for their matches based on the firearms, ammunition and targets used in the match.

5. No one is allowed to “forage” for spent bullets in the bay floor or anywhere on the backstops.

6. Shooting at rocks, bricks, concrete blocks, glass bottles, plastic bottles, or like targets that fragment or are likely to increase the possibility of ricochets or at objects on the ground, are strictly prohibited.

7. No one may shoot or use the props (or hang targets on them) that have been placed or may be in the bays examples: plastic or metal barrels, building facades, fences, walls, wagons, wells, etc.

8. Ranges must be cleaned up after firing including take down and disposal of all targets, picking up all brass, including .22 and placing it in the brass buckets. Shotgun shells, targets, paper, shotgun

wads, etc. go in the trash. All trash is to be placed in a can or the dumpster.

Pistol Range / Bay (1 – 8) Safety Rules

For casual shooting and practice. (Match Operating Rules can be found in the Appendix.)

1. Each bay is independently controlled by the RSO (first person there) in that bay.
2. The “safe line” in each bay is established as the line behind all shooters (towards the road), but in no case shall the “safe line” be further towards the road than 10 feet into the bay (inside the side berms).
3. Firearms are generally “cold” behind the “safe line” in the bay, unless under the direction of a Match Director or an Instructor.
4. Magazines may be loaded at the safe line, but cannot be placed in the magazine well until the shooter is at a hot firing line.
5. No one may handle a firearm anywhere in the bay when people are downrange.
6. Pistol bay targets:
 - Paper targets, cardboard targets, and clay pigeons, must be placed on target stands so that bullets pass through them and strike the backstop. Do not place targets where the bullet can skip off the ground or go over the backstop, and do not hang targets on steel plate racks, trees, props or wood support posts!

- Steel targets provided on the plate racks and steel targets set up for matches are permitted. Range users may bring their own steel targets provided that the targets are commercially made for the intended purpose, the targets deflect bullets downward to the ground and the targets are placed where bullets will strike the backstop if the target is missed. Steel must be placed no closer than 15 yards from the entrance to the bay.
- Pistol bay steel plate targets may only be shot with normal pistol caliber cartridges (no Rifles or Pistols using center fire cartridges exceeding 1500fps, no shotgun slugs, and no magnum calibers allowed on Steel Targets). No steel core, armor piercing, tracer or incendiary ammunition may be used.
- Shooters must generally be no closer than 10 yards from steel plate targets, though SASS type targets, shot with “cowboy” loads may be shot at 5 yards. Further is better.

7. Rifles may be fired in the pistol bays so long as the bullets strike the backstop. Initial sighting in of rifles is encouraged in one of the pistol bays (preferably Bay 6) before shooting at the rifle range.

8. Shotguns may be fired in the pistol bays, but all shot must impact the backstop. No “skeet shooting” with thrown targets is allowed.

9. Rapid fire must be conducted as near the backstop as practical to assure that all bullets impact no higher than half way up the backstop, and do not damage baffles or other range equipment.

10. Any bay that has match equipment or props setup in it is not to be used. There is always another open bay to use.

11. Automatic (Select) Fire: See Automatic (Select) Fire Appendix

Rifle Range Safety Rules

For casual shooting and practice. (Match Operating Rules can be found in the Appendix.)

There are 7, 14 or 21 lanes on the rifle range, depending on the activity being conducted. Make sure to shoot down your lane. Do not fire across lanes.

Shotguns are not allowed on rifle range except when firing slugs.

1. The rifle range has ONE firing line. The Muzzle of your gun must extend over the firing line.

- Shooters must all follow the operational commands for HOT and COLD range.
- Shooters on the line – please be courteous and coordinate range hot and cold with others in 20 min or less intervals.

- The RSO will “Call out” the time when the range will go COLD for Target Changes.

2. When the range is COLD!

- Firearms must be unloaded, magazines out, bolts open / locked to the rear or Actions open.
- No one may handle a firearm when the range is cold. No looking through rifle scopes, no unpacking firearms, no cleaning firearms.
- Cased firearms may be taken to or brought from a vehicle when the range is COLD. Guns that are not cased must be brought to the firing line with the action open, muzzle pointed up.

3. Before calling the range HOT, you must ALWAYS visually confirm that no one is downrange.

4. Pistols with pistol caliber cartridges are prohibited from the covered firing points on the Rifle Range. The bullets will hit the ground before impacting the backstop. Rifles shooting pistol cartridges are allowed at 100 yards provided that the cartridge has sufficient velocity to pass through the target and strike the backstop. Pistols shooting center-fire rifle cartridges are also allowed on the rifle range.

5. Targets must be placed at the proper height, normally 6 to 6 ½ feet off the ground so that the bullet passes through the target and impacts into the backstop and no closer than 50-yards from firing line. Initial sighting in of rifles is encouraged in one of the pistol bays (preferably Bay 6) before shooting at the rifle range.

100-yard target line – staple targets directly to the horizontal target boards or stands. **Not to the posts!**

6. Rifle steel targets are for use only with expanding bullets. Steel core “penetrator” and armor piercing ammo is prohibited. If your bullet sticks to a magnet, it is steel core and cannot be shot at these steel targets.

7. Rapid Fire must be conducted as near the Backstop as practical to assure that all bullets impact no higher than half way up the backstop, and do not damage Baffles or other range equipment.

8. Automatic (Select) Fire: See Automatic (Select) Fire Appendix

9. Firing Line Etiquette:

- Check in with other shooters already on the Range, establish who will be the RSO. Let them know what you’ll be doing.
- Be prepared to hang targets as soon as the line is called safe / COLD.
- Set up your equipment while the line is HOT.

- Make sure everyone has time to put on hearing protection before you start shooting.
- Make the line safe about every 20 min so others can hang targets.

Shotgun Ranges

The person pulling targets (the “puller/trapper”) is in charge of the field, and all shooters must follow his/her commands. When the command “Cease Fire” is given by anyone, immediately cease all firing, open your action and remove all shells from your gun.

- Skeet, Trap, and Five-Stand fields are for shotguns firing at clay targets only.
- No slugs, buckshot, or any loads of lead shot larger than #7½, are permitted on these ranges. Please remember that the smaller the number, the larger the shot so number 7 ½ -12 is the only shot generally allowed. Exception may be given by the Shotgun Committee Chair on a case-by-case basis.
- Shooters must pay for all rounds shot (25 targets) before leaving the ranges.
- Generally Authorized shotgun ammunition:
- 12ga or smaller shoot only 2 ¾ inch or shorter shells 7 ½ shot or smaller.
- Requests to use 8 or 10 gauge ammo for aerial targets must be approved by the Skeet Committee Chair, on a case-by-case basis.

- All shooters and spectators are **REQUIRED** to wear both eye and ear protection while on the shotgun ranges.
- All shotguns, even empty, must be handled with care:
- Keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction – either down towards the ground (preferably) or upwards. Do not carry in a manner where your barrel sweeps across other people.
- Place your shotgun in a stand or case when not in use.
- Keep your shotgun open and unloaded at all times except when you are on a firing station preparing to shoot.
- Do not load more shells than the number of targets that will be presented from each station.
- Do not place shells into any part of the gun until you are standing on the shooting station with your gun pointed safely toward the flight area.
- Shoot only from designated shooting stations.
- Do not set an unsafe example for other less experienced shooters. No “Trick Shot” shooting.

- Only one shooter, from a single firing station, may fire at a time. No more than one person may occupy a firing station at the same time, except when a coach and pupil are together (and in that case, there may be only one shotgun on the station).
- Never “poach” or shoot at another shooter’s target. If it is their turn to fire, it is not yours.
- When the trap machines are to be filled, a red cone will be displayed on the field near the trap house. While this cone is visible, immediately cease all firing, open the action, remove all shells from your gun, and place your gun in a rack or in the bag. While personnel are in the trap houses, you may not sight your shotgun down range in the direction of the trap house or personnel.
FIRING IN THE DIRECTION OF PERSONNEL IN THE TRAP HOUSES WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION FROM THE GUN CLUB.
- No one except authorized personnel may adjust the trap or skeet machines or enter the skeet/ trap houses.
- Sighting or gun fitting/checking gun fit is only permitted on the shooting station or in a designated SAFE area. You may retrieve only your empty hull’s, provided this does

not unnecessarily delay the shooting squad, or create an unsafe situation.

- Continuous use of the range when others are waiting is discourteous. Do not go directly from the last station back to the first to begin a new round until you have ascertained that there are no others waiting to shoot.
- The patterning wall is available for use with lead shot, 12 gauge or smaller, and 7 1/2 – 12 shot only.

Pistol Appendix: Matches, Competitions and other activities that have a governing body or rule books will follow those rules once they are adopted and approved by the GGC Board Of Directors (BoD.)

GSSF

USPSA

IDPA

Bullseye

SASS / Cowboy Action

Steel Challenge

Rifle Appendix: Matches, Competitions and other activities that have a governing body or rule books will follow those rules once they are adopted and approved by the GGC BoD.

Rifle Sight-in Day

Rimfire Sporter

Appleseed Events

High Power “Cross the Course” Reduced

Muzzleloader

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Skeet

Trap

Five Stand

Automatic (Select) Fire Appendix: (With GGC BoD approval)

Automatic (Select) Fire guns or firing using devices or methods that simulate automatic (select) fire (such as “Slide Fire”, external trigger springs, etc.) are only permitted with advance approval of the GGC Rifle Chairman. Full automatic guns may be fired provided all legally required documents are physically present with the owner.

1. Firing must be conducted as near as practical to the backstop to assure that all bullets impact not higher than halfway up the backstop, and do not damage the Baffles or Range equipment.
2. Tripod and bipod mounted guns can be fired on the 100-yard rifle range or the 50-yard range from their mounts, from the ground, or from sandbags on the benches.

Instructor Appendix: All course materials, lesson plans, courses of fire, etc.... will be reviewed by the appropriate Committee Chair, and then presented to the GGC BoD for approval prior to a class / instruction taking place.

1. Any deviation from the approved course materials must be approved prior to a class being conducted.
2. Law Enforcement style training poses unique, rigorous and often more dangerous situations than normal range use and must be reviewed prior being conducted at GGC.
3. Any Instructor conducting training is responsible to have signed Liability Waivers for everyone on the range, prior to the first shot being fired.

Law Enforcement Appendix: Griffin Gun Club is a private operation that is available for use by Law Enforcement organizations on a “Per Fee” basis.

Fees are established for Annual Use, or on a case-by-case basis, and must be paid in full prior to schedule requests being approved by the GGC BoD.

Agencies wishing to use ranges at GGC will submit a written Training Plan (approved and signed by the Chief Law Enforcement officer in the Agency, or their designated representative) in advance to the GGC BoD for review and approval. No deviation from the written training plan can be made by the agency without the deviation being submitted to the GGC BoD 30 days in advance.

1. Reporting: The Precise number of agency personnel using GGC facilities must be reported monthly as well as in an Annual Report.
2. Scheduling: Requests for scheduling dates will be submitted annually (date) and when approved by the GGC BoD. The dates will be entered to the GGC Calendar maintained by the GGC Secretary and on club website. <http://www.thegriffingunclub.org/calendar-2/> . Agencies wishing to schedule GGC Ranges (normally Bay 6) for use may submit up to 4 days per month for consideration and approval by the GGC BoD.
3. Insurance: Organizations wishing to use ranges/ facilities at GGC must provide, prior to the requested event, a certificate of insurance from their agent which has Griffin Gun Club Inc, PO Box 311 Griffin GA 30224 listed as an additional insured. The minimum limits of insurance for liability will

be \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.

4. Clean-up: Agencies wishing to use ranges at GGC will assure the range (normally Bay 6) is cleaned upon completion of training for the day and prior to departing GGC. All trash cans, targets, etc. will be emptied into the dumpster and no trash will be left at the bay or individual range used.

5. Damage: Any damage found or caused by the Agency must be brought to GGC's attention (in writing) within 3 calendar days.

6. Failure to follow this or any of GGC policies may result in suspension or termination of future use of the ranges by the agency, at the discretion of the Griffin Gun Club BoD.

These rules may be updated or modified at any time without notice.