

BLUE WATER SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION - GUN RANGE RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1. The number one rule is safety.** You are responsible not only for your own safety but also for the safety of everyone else on the range.
- 2. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded at all times.**
- 3. The shooter will keep their finger outside of the trigger guard until the sights are aligned with the target.**
- 4. Obey the range officer at all times.** The range officer is in charge and their commands are to be obeyed: the chief range officer at the time has the final say. There will not be any arguing with range personal. Arguing with the range officer will result in your immediate removal from the range.
- 5. Unsafe firearm handling can be cause for removal from the shooting program and ranges.**
- 6. Keep firearm pointed at back stop at all times while on the firing line.** If at any time a loaded firearm is not pointed at the back stop it shall be considered unsafe firearm handling.
- 7. The three basic range commands are: The line is hot. The line is safe. Cease fire.** a) The command the line is hot means the handling of firearms and firing of ammunition is allowed and that no one is to go down range or forward of the benches. b) the command the line is safe means that all fire arms are to be placed on the benches or racks with the actions open with magazines removed (if removable) or fixed magazines emptied of all ammunition. Absolutely no handling of firearms while the range is safe. c) The command cease fire means to stop shooting immediately, remove finger off of the trigger and await further commands. Any person may call a Cease Fire if necessary.
- 8. All firearms may be inspected by the range officer to insure a safe condition prior to the line is safe command.**
- 9. Uncase all firearms on the firing line or safety zone only.**
- 10. Unless a firearm is actually being used, the firearm is to be in a safe condition.** The action must remain open, no ammunition in magazine, and pointed at a backstop or in a rack.
- 11. Only approved targets shall be used.** Shooting at anything other than an approved target can be cause for your removal from the ranges. Post paper targets in the middle of the frames to avoid target frame damage from stray shots.
- 12. Eye and hearing protection is required while the line is hot.** This includes spectators.
- 13. Firearms being transported on or between ranges are to be cased or in a safe condition, with the utilization of an empty chamber indicator or open bolt indicator when possible.**
- 14. No passing of loaded firearms from person to person.** Unload and show clear before passing a firearm to another person.
- 15. Absolutely no alcohol or judgment impairing drugs shall be consumed prior to any shooting activity.** Judgment impairing drugs can include prescription medication and over the counter medicines.
- 16. We are sportsmen and we shall conduct ourselves in a civilized and cordial manner.** Be courteous and respectful to each other. Be respectful of other shooters. Do not distract other shooters while they are shooting.
- 17. No shooting on the outdoor ranges before 9:30 am or after 9:00 pm (or after sunset depending on time of year).** If shooting or qualifying after sunset appropriate lighting or low-light equipment must be utilized.
- 18. If a range is posted closed there is a reason for it.** There could be a safety issue that is not readily obvious. Do not use that range. A schedule is posted on the BWSA website for the activities that are planned for range for the next month.
- 19. Clean up after yourself.** This is a shooting range not a garbage dump. If you brought it here you can take it home or put it in the trash can.

20. When shooting at steel targets, armor piercing, steel-jacketed, or steel core ammunition is not allowed.

Such ammunition destroys the targets.

21. Any dropped firearm is to be retrieved by the range officer. A dropped firearm is considered unsafe firearm handling.

22. The ranges are for member use only. The only exception is during a scheduled event when non-members are allowed. If you wish to bring a guest, non-member fees apply.

23. Any person seen firing at lights, baffles, carriers, target frames, gun racks, or any other range property or equipment will have their membership suspended and will be reported to the proper authorities for appropriate action. Firing at boxes, cups, or other objects is prohibited. You will be held accountable and may have to pay for any damage you cause.

24. The 200 yard range is for member use only. No guests or non-members may use the 200 yard range during unscheduled range time unless a range officer is present, or a registered event is being held. In order for BWSA members to use the 200 yard range, they must be pre-qualified by any NRA certified BWSA Range Officer. In order to qualify to be a 200 yard range user, you must demonstrate to your range officer that you are capable of keeping 10 shots within a 10" diameter circle at 100 yards.

25. The 300 yard and 600 yard ranges may only be used during a scheduled event.

26. The range gate must remain locked at all times. If it is open upon arrival you must relock it after entering unless otherwise posted.

27. When using the basement range place all targets immediately in front of the back stop. If you wish to shoot at a shorter distance move yourself closer to the back stop, when possible and safe. Place the targets on a portable frame at seven yards with the targets placed at a height that keeps all bullets impacting into the back stop.

28. When using the basement range do not allow bullets to ricochet or skip off of the floor, ceiling, or walls. To do so will be considered unsafe firearm handling and is cause for your ejection from the range.

29. All rounds must impact the backstop. Do NOT set up targets along any sideberm. They are not intended to handle the impact of direct fire. Targets are allowed along side-berms only during registered or scheduled events.

30. Do not use the outdoor ranges without your membership cards and gate key. The key is issued in the full paid member's name, who is responsible for its proper use. It is prohibited to loan your key to any other member or non-member. No one may use the outdoor range without either a Gate Key or a Range Officer present.

31. Use of the Outdoor Ranges by key access is a privilege. Gate key activity is electronically recorded. Violation of any of these rules shall be grounds for removal from the range and other disciplinary action up to and including discharge from the Association.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND CLAIMS:

I, my agents, assigns, executors or administrators for the consideration of being allowed to enter, rent and or use the facilities, and services of Blue Water Sportsman's Association do hereby absolutely and unequivocally agree to release and hold harmless Blue Water Sportsman's Association, its agents, employees, instructors, assigns, owners and successors from any & all claims, demand or liability, arising out of any injury loss or disability connected with the use of, attendance or activities at the facility. I further understand that shooting can be dangerous and I will at all times exercise safe gun handling practices.