

# **Sportsman's Club of Franklin County**

## **Safety Regulations**

### **November 2008 Version**

At the Sportsman's Club of Franklin County safety is the first and most important consideration in conducting its activities. To that end, the following rules are to be followed by all members of the club and their guests.

These rules may be changed at any time by the club officers or board of directors in order to maintain the safest possible environment.

For questions please feel free to call a club officer or director. The club number is 802-524-9310. Officer and director phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed in newsletters and the club website.

### **General Club Rules**

Observe the three fundamental rules of safe gun handling.

“Muzzle Control”: Always point firearms in a safe direction.

Never load a firearm until you are ready to shoot

Leave your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

No drugs or alcoholic beverages are allowed on club property. The club president may allow exceptions for alcoholic beverages to be served at the clubhouse for special events.

Persons under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed on club property.

Disruptive behavior or destruction of club property can result in dismissal from the club.

No hunting is allowed on club property without written permission of the president.

On firing ranges, a range officer's instructions are to be followed.

Members are asked to notify a club officer of serious safety violations.

On all shooting ranges, eye and ear protection are required by all persons present when firearms are being discharged. “Double plugging (plugs and muffs) is recommended.

All firearms on club property are to remain unloaded and cased until used on one of the club ranges.

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Unloaded firearms with actions open may be uncased in the clubhouse for training or for display purposes at club events

Firearms are not to be discharged on club property except on designated ranges in accordance with the rules of the particular range.

Firearms are not to be discharged on the archery range.

All persons under 18 years of age are to be under the supervision of an adult.

No glass or metal containers are allowed on the club ranges.

On club grounds, members are required to show their membership card if requested.

At the skeet range, unbroken clay targets are the property of the club.

In the event of a misfire keep the firearm pointed down range for 30 seconds before opening the action to clear the defective round. For a black powder firearm wait two minutes. Give the defective ammunition to the range officer or dispose of it properly.

In the clubhouse, no one is allowed in the meeting hall area when the indoor shooting range is in use.

### **Archery Range**

Arrows are not to be released on club property except on the archery range at approved targets. The only exception is hunting with written permission of the president.

All arrows are to be retrieved.

Broadhead arrows are not to be used.

Firearms are not to be discharged on the archery range.

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**Rifle Range**

Persons are not to move forward of the firing line unless all firearms on the range are unloaded and benched with actions open and magazines removed.

*Firearms or magazines are not to be handled until everyone is behind the firing line.*

Firing is to be done only from the firing line unless done under the direction of a range officer authorized by the club president.

Only paper targets and those specifically authorized by club management may be used.

All targets must be placed on the mounting provided or as described below.

Spinner targets may be used only at the 25 and 50 yard ranges. They are to be placed at the main *backstop* base near the side *berms*.

Plinking at plastic beverage containers is allowed. Containers must be placed below the top of the provided target mounts and removed when shooting is finished. Shooting at targets placed on top of the backstop will result in dismissal from the club.

Shooters are to dispose of all targets, brass and waste materials when finished shooting.

**Skeet and Trap Range**

On the skeet range, uncased and unloaded guns may be placed on the gun racks. Semi-autos and pumps are to have their actions open.

Only shotguns may be fired on the skeet/trap ranges.

Slugs and buckshot cannot be fired on the skeet/trap ranges.

Rifles and handguns are not to be fired on the skeet/trap ranges.

All persons not shooting or refereeing trap or skeet are to remain on the clubhouse side of the power poles when shooting is in progress.

On the skeet/trap ranges firing is permitted only at clay targets.

Shooting is allowed only from the skeet and trap shooting stations and at the patterning board.

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On the skeet/trap ranges, never load with more than two shells at a time.

Do not walk in front of low house windows when skeet machine is running.

Shooters are to recover all of their ejected shell casings.

The patterning board is for lead shot only.

**Indoor Range**

Handguns up to 44 magnum may be fired in the indoor range.

Rimfire rifles (.17 and .22) may be used in the indoor range.

Shotguns using shot only, (including buckshot) may be used on the indoor range.

Centerfire rifles up to 44 magnum may be used only with bullets having a maximum velocity of 1500 fps.

No one is to move forward of the firing line until the range officer gives the command "The line is down". He will give the command after confirming that all firearms are unloaded with magazines removed, and that they are benched, holstered or cased.

Firearms or magazines are not to be handled until everyone is behind the firing line; and the range officer gives the line is hot command.

Only paper targets may be used.

**Additional Copies of Safety Rules**

Additional copies of the rules are available from the club or at the club web site, [http:// www.scoffc.com](http://www.scoffc.com)

## **SCFC OUTDOOR RANGE TARGET RULES**



**Thanks for the help in maintaining the range**

**Approach targets only when everyone agrees the line is down**

**Use paper targets only**

**Mount targets only to backboard**

**Do not shoot at 2 X 4 posts**

**Dispose of used targets, brass and other trash properly**

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Safety Regulations and Liability Waiver  
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All club members are required to sign this statement that the safety regulations for SCFC will be read and understood prior to using the club facilities.

Keep the pages above containing the safety rules for your reference. This page is for club records. Additional copies of the rules are available from the club or at the club web site, <http://www.scoffc.com>

**My signature on this document confirms that prior to using club facilities I will read and understand the Sportsman's Club of Franklin County Safety Regulations. If necessary, I will contact a club officer or director for any explanations needed. I also understand that violation of these rules can result in suspension or dismissal from the club. I am also responsible for observance of these rules by any of my family members and guests.**

Member signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For myself and my family, I knowingly and freely assume any and all risks, both known and unknown, while on the premises of the Sportsman's Club of Franklin County, Inc. (SCFC) and assume full responsibility for my participation in their activities.

I, for myself and my family, and on behalf my heirs, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS the SCFC, its officers, directors, volunteers, members, guests, other participants, and sponsors with respect for any and all injury, disability, death or loss or damage to person or property, whether arising from the negligence of the SCFC or otherwise, to the fullest extent of the law.

**I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and sign freely and voluntarily without any inducement.**

Print member name \_\_\_\_\_

Member signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Membership card number \_\_\_\_\_

Club Officer/Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_