

# Four Universal Rules of Firearm Safety

1. **Never let the muzzle point at anything you are not willing to destroy.**
  - If you see a violation – SAY Something
2. **Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target.**

The only time your finger should be on the trigger is if your sights are on the target.
3. **Treat all guns as if they are loaded.**
  - Check it, Put it in the condition you want it. At HHR&GC this is unloaded until the range is hot.
4. **Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.**

## Holmes Harbor Rod & Gun Club

**Range Hours: 9am until 8:00pm or Dusk, Whichever is first.**

1. Safety is our foremost concern. Everyone using the ranges must read and strictly follow all rules pertaining to that specific range.
2. This facility is for use by members only. **You must sign-in before using the range.** Guests (limit of 4) and family members must be accompanied by and shoot under the direct supervision of range certified member. **The member's ID is required to be visible while you are on the ranges.** Does not apply to organized shoots.
3. Eye & Ear protection required for shooters & spectators.
4. No Alcohol allowed on any ranges. Shoot then drink.
  1. Includes medication – Shouldn't drive, or operate machinery? Don't Shoot
  2. If you have had a drink, you are done shooting for the day.
5. All guns brought to the club must be unloaded, bagged, cased or holstered. We are a COLD Range facility.
  1. Always move guns between tables unloaded and bagged, holstered or cased. Only go HOT when everyone is behind the firing line.
  2. Unloaded is empty chamber, magazine removed, & action open. Tubular magazine will be empty.
  3. **Absolutely no gun handling while range is cold and people may be down range. The only place guns can be handled is on the front table when the range is HOT. All guns on the firing line must be unloaded and actions open before going down range.**
  4. Concealed Carry – Unless you want to shoot your concealed carry gun, just leave it concealed. If you plan to shoot it, use Speed Bays. Keep muzzle in a safe direction when unholstering and re-holstering
    1. Not allowed in the bar. Encouraged everywhere else.
6. Range Master – You are one, and so is everyone else.
  1. When you are by yourself you are the one responsible for following all the rules. Don't go down range with a loaded gun on the table.
  2. When others are present be certain to communicate clearly when the range is hot or cold.
7. Position all targets so bullets pass through the target then impact the berm.
  1. Don't post target so the bullets will hit the target frame, or the frame behind it.
  2. **Use HHR&GC target boards**, no "home made" stands. Paper targets only. Steel target exception on Speed bays, approved silhouette targets on the rifle range and the existing steel swingers on the pistol range.
  3. No glass or bottles anywhere, No "Trash Targets" – NO Exceptions

# Range Specific Rules

(see following pages for more details)

## Shotgun Ranges:

Sunday & Thursday Trap, Skeet, & 5 Stand open to the public.

1. Guns must be brought to the Trap Shack unloaded, in a bag or case. **Be muzzle aware.**
2. Load only the number of shells required for that game at that station.
3. Maximum shot size - 7 ½. Lead only NO steel shot (expensive also).
4. Cold Ranges.
  1. Take guns to the line with action open. Only load on Station.
  2. Unload before turning or leaving station.

### Other days

1. Use Skeet Range on far right for hand held or portable trap thrower.
2. Maximum shot size - 7 ½. Lead only NO steel shot.
3. Pattern board on Trap Range at far left.
  1. Maximum shot size - 7 ½.
  2. Absolutely no buckshot or slugs.
4. No other targets allowed.

## Pistol Range:

1. Handguns with handgun cartridges. Rimfire rifles and muzzleloaders are allowed.
2. Shoot only from behind the front table, no firing allowed down range of the front table.
3. Move guns between tables unloaded and bagged, holstered or cased.
4. Rapid fire allowed as long as your shots hit your target. RULE OF THUMB: If your group is larger than your fist, SLOW Down. **No drawing from the holster to engage targets on the Pistol Range.**
5. Use only HHR&G target boards. No "home made" target boards or stands.
6. Muzzle Loaders follow the National Muzzle Loading Association's guidelines.

## Rifle / Silhouette Range:

1. All pistols and rifles allowed. Shotguns with slugs or turkey loads.
2. No Rapid Fire allowed. No shooting forward of the benches/firing line.
3. Place "range flag" in front of firing line when going down range. **Especially when using 200yd pit.**
4. No gun handling on the back tables, Move guns between tables unloaded and bagged or cased.
5. Don't post targets in front of rail posts. **Do not shoot target board clamps.**
6. Use only HHR&G target boards. No "homemade" target boards or stands.
7. Muzzle Loaders follow the National Muzzle Loading Association's guidelines.

## Speed Bays:

1. Handguns, Rimfire Rifles, Tactical Shotguns, and Tactical Rifles Allowed.
2. Speed Bays are only the ranges you may draw from a holster to engage targets and move while shooting.
3. Rapid fire is allowed as long as your shots hit your target. Don't shoot the frame of the target stands.
4. Position steel targets so bullet will be directed down when hit and misses impact only the back berm.
5. Targets should be placed as far back in the bays as practical. Shoot forward of the last yard markers.
6. No shooting farther back than the large tables. Spools, barrels and barricades are not targets.

# **PISTOL RANGE RULES**

## **USE OF CHAMBER FLAGS NOW REQUIRED**

### **GUNS MUST BE UNLOADED AND CASED, BAGGED OR HOLSTERED**

- **WHEN ANY GUN IS ON THE BACK TABLE**
- when moving to and from the range
- only use handguns with handgun cartridges, rimfire rifles and muzzle loaders
- **NO center fire rifles of any caliber allowed on this range**
- muzzle loaders follow the National Muzzle Loading Association guidelines

### **POINT GUNS TOWARD THE BACK BERM AT ALL TIMES**

### **HANDLE GUNS ONLY WHEN RANGE IS HOT & NO ONE IS DOWNRANGE**

- clearly communicate that the range is hot or cold
- when range is cold do not touch any gun

### **GUNS ON FRONT TABLE MUST BE UNLOADED WITH A CHAMBER FLAG**

- magazine removed, cylinder open or action/bolt retained in the open position
- move guns to/from the front table unloaded and cased, bagged or holstered

### **SHOOT FROM THE FRONT TABLE ONLY WHEN THE RANGE IS HOT**

- no shooting allowed downrange of the front table
- no holster draw allowed on the pistol range
- keep finger off the trigger & gun unloaded until ready to shoot
- rapid fire allowed only if shots are controlled and hit the target

### **USE ONLY PAPER TARGETS PLACED ON HHR&G TARGET BOARDS**

- no other target boards or stands allowed
- do not shoot frames of target boards
- bullets must pass through the targets into the back berm

### **EVERYONE MUST WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION AT ALL TIMES**

### **CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT**

### **DISPLAY YOUR HHR&G CARD, FOLLOW ALL HHR&G RANGE RULES**

- keep the range tidy, remove used targets when finished
- sweep your brass off the pistol range floor

### **MEMBERS MUST SIGN IN AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL GUESTS**

- there is a limit of four guests, make sure guests follow all range rules

# **RIFLE RANGE RULES**

## **USE OF CHAMBER FLAGS NOW REQUIRED**

### **GUNS MUST BE UNLOADED AND CASED, BAGGED OR HOLSTERED**

- **WHEN ANY GUN IS ON THE BACK BENCH**
- when moving to and from the range
- all pistols, rifles and shotguns (slugs or turkey loads only) allowed
- muzzle loaders follow the National Muzzle Loading Association guidelines

### **POINT GUNS TOWARD THE BACK BERM AT ALL TIMES**

### **HANDLE GUNS ONLY WHEN RANGE IS HOT & NO ONE IS DOWNRANGE**

- clearly communicate that the range is hot or cold
- when range is cold do not touch any gun
- place “range flag” several yards in front of firing line when the range is cold and walking downrange – especially when walking to the 200 yard target

### **GUNS ON FRONT TABLE MUST BE UNLOADED WITH A CHAMBER FLAG**

- magazine removed, cylinder open or action/bolt retained in the open position
- move guns to/from the front table unloaded and cased, bagged or holstered

### **SHOOT FROM THE FRONT TABLE ONLY WHEN THE RANGE IS HOT**

- no shooting allowed downrange of the front table
- no holster draw allowed on the rifle range
- keep finger off the trigger & gun unloaded until ready to shoot
- rapid fire is not allowed (use Speed Bays for rapid fire)

### **USE ONLY PAPER TARGETS PLACED ON HHR&G TARGET BOARDS**

- no other target boards or stands allowed
- do not shoot target board clamps or rail posts
- bullets must pass through the targets into the back berm

### **EVERYONE MUST WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION AT ALL TIMES**

### **CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT**

### **DISPLAY YOUR HHR&G CARD, FOLLOW ALL HHR&G RANGE RULES**

- keep the range tidy, remove used targets when finished
- sweep your brass off the rifle bay floor

### **MEMBERS MUST SIGN IN AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL GUESTS**

- there is a limit of four guests, make sure guests follow all range rules

# **SPEED BAY RULES**

## **USE OF CHAMBER FLAGS NOW REQUIRED**

### **GUNS MUST BE UNLOADED AND CASED, BAGGED OR HOLSTERED**

- when moving to and from the bay or when the gun is not in use

### **POINT ALL GUNS TOWARD THE BACK BERM AT ALL TIMES**

- this includes when moving downrange or uprange

### **HANDLE GUNS ONLY WHEN RANGE IS HOT & NO ONE IS DOWNRANGE**

- clearly communicate that the range is hot or cold

### **GUNS ON TABLES MUST BE UNLOADED AND WITH A CHAMBER FLAG**

- magazine removed, cylinder open or action/bolt retained in the open position
- move guns to and from the firing line unloaded and with a chamber flag visible

### **DESIGNATE THE FIRING LINE AS THE LARGE TABLE OR SMALL TABLE**

- no shooting farther back than the large table

### **SHOOT FROM THE FIRING LINE ONLY WHEN RANGE IS HOT**

- only one shooter if drawing from a holster or moving and shooting
- keep finger off the trigger & gun unloaded until ready to shoot
- rapid fire allowed only if shots are controlled and hit the target
- use of rifle slings allowed only to steady gun while shooting

### **ONLY PAPER TARGETS AND HANGING STEEL TARGETS ALLOWED**

- other targets or stands allowed with prior approval from a Range Safety Officer
- the spools, barrels and barricades located in the bays are not targets

### **BULLETS MUST PASS THROUGH TARGETS INTO THE BACK BERM**

- do not shoot target stands, place targets as close to the back berm as practical

### **STEEL TARGETS MUST HANG AND DIRECT BULLETS DOWNWARD**

- place near the back berm, bullets that miss steel targets must hit back berm
- shoot steel targets from at least 15 yards to avoid shrapnel ricochets

### **EVERYONE MUST WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION AT ALL TIMES**

### **CHILDREN MUST BE CONSTANTLY SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT**

### **DISPLAY YOUR HHR&G CARD, FOLLOW ALL HHR&G RANGE RULES**

- keep the bay tidy, remove used targets and shotgun hulls when finished

### **MEMBERS MUST SIGN IN AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL GUESTS**

- there is a limit of four guests, make sure guests follow all range rules