

Gate City Sport Shooting Association
APPLICATION FOR DISABLED VETERAN
MEMBERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

As a member of the Gate City Sport Shooting Association (GCSSA), you and your immediate family (spouse and children under 18) will be entitled to use the **Oregon Trail Shooting Range** facility located off 2 ½ Mile Road during any daylight time except during previously scheduled events. Members will be provided a key card/membership card to open the gate. Members agree to ensure non-member guests follow all range rules and pay the required **\$5.00 per day guest fee**. NOTE: This membership does not authorize members to conduct commercial training on range property without prior authorization from the Board of Directors.

If you qualify for a free disabled Veteran membership, please follow these instructions.

1. Complete and sign the attached APPLICATION FOR DISABLED VETERAN MEMBERSHIP form.
2. Read the attached Range Rules.
3. Attach a letter from the VA documenting your service connected disability rating of 40% or more.

To generate this letter go to <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/manage/documents>, then click "VA Letters." Log in or register for an account. After logging in, click "Benefit Summary Letter" (uncheck "Include recent periods of military service" and "Your current monthly award amount"; click "Generate Benefit Summary Letter," then click Print icon in upper right corner of the screen window).

4. Mail your completed application form and your Benefit Summary Letter to:
GCSSA
P.O. Box 4862
Pocatello, ID 83205
5. After verification, you will be contacted to make arrangements to pick up your key-card/membership card, or it will be mailed to you.

Please include your email address on the application form. **Your email address will only be used for GCSSA communication and will not be given to or made available to any other persons or organizations. Your Email address is used to ensure timely delivery of GCSSA information and updates. If you choose not to provide your email address, you agree to opt out of any official range communication including notices of meetings, events, and range closures.**

Please come to the GCSSA meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month (except December) at the Oregon Trail Shooting Range in the Larry Allenbaugh Clubhouse. The GCSSA bylaws are available for your review on the website at: www.gatecityssa.org. GCSSA also has two Facebook pages; www.facebook.com/GateCitySSA and www.facebook.com/OTSRRange.

Thank you for your service.

RANGE RULES
Gate City Sport Shooting Association (GCSSA)
Oregon Trail Shooting Range

THE SECOND AMENDMENT IS A RIGHT — RANGE MEMBERSHIP IS A PRIVILEGE
SAFETY IS A REQUIREMENT — COURTESY IS AN EXPECTATION

Firearm Safety Rules:

1. SAFETY is rule ONE
2. ALWAYS keep firearms pointed in a safe direction.
 - a. Firearm muzzles will be pointed down range or up (vertically) at all times when on the firing line.
3. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
4. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
 - a. Firearm actions must be open or flagged, and muzzle pointed in a safe direction when not on the firing line.
 - b. Use of gun racks behind the firing lines is encouraged.
5. ALWAYS know your target and what is beyond
 - a. On the main firing line, all targets must be placed immediately in front of berms.
 - b. With the exception of birdshot (#6 or smaller), aerial shots or shots over safety berms are prohibited
6. ALWAYS remain behind the firing line if not shooting. Exception is one coach per shooter.
7. NEVER handle firearms after a cease fire is called. If remaining on the shooting line, step away from any firearms.
8. NO ONE is allowed forward of the firing line except when a cease fire is called and all shooters on the firing line acknowledge a 'cold range'
 - a. On the main firing line, the cold range bell/strobe shall be engaged before moving downrange
9. Eye and ear protection must be worn by everyone on the firing line or within 20 feet of the firing line.
10. Anyone under age 18 must be supervised by an adult.

Using the Range:

1. Shooters are required to sign in prior to shooting.
 - a. There are sign in stations at each individual shooting bay and (3) on the Main Firing Line.
2. Non-member shooters (guests) must be accompanied by a member and must pay a \$5 per day Guest Fee.
3. Scheduled events have priority for use of shooting bays or the main firing line. Scheduled events are posted online at the GCSSA website www.gatecityssa.org/calendar.html.
4. Keep the range clean.
 - a. Place all trash in the trash receptacles.
 - b. Shooters are responsible for cleaning up shotgun hulls and items used as targets.
 - c. All targets and target stands are to be returned to their storage areas after use.

Target Use:

1. 2x4 target bases, cardboard backers on 1x2 legs, and OSB backing boards are to be used as intended.

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RANGE RULES (Continued)

- a. 2x4 target bases and cardboard backers on 1x2 legs are the property of GCSSA and are not to be removed from the range.
 - b. Using 2x4 target bases as a shelf to place targets (other than the cardboard backers on 1x2 legs) is not allowed.
 - c. Intentionally shooting at 2x4 bases, or supports (posts) for OSB backing boards is prohibited and will be considered vandalism.
 - d. Shotgun use on OSB backing boards and cardboard target backers on 1x2 legs is not allowed. These are not intended to be used for, or as shotgun targets and will be destroyed with only a few rounds.
2. Shooting at objects made of glass is not allowed
 3. Member owned steel targets may be used at the range if the following criteria are met:
 - Steel targets must be made of steel that is of an appropriate hardness and thickness for the application, and must be free of dents or pitting that could direct fragments back toward the shooter and/or bystanders
 - Steel targets must be angled so that bullet fragments will not be directed in unsafe directions
 - No ammunition with steel components in the projectile may be fired at steel targets, including steel core, steel jacketed, or steel shot
 - Steel targets must be placed at a safe distance as determined by the target manufacturer
 - If the manufacturer has not recommended safe distances, see the GCSSA website for guidelines
 - Both shooters and bystanders should wear wraparound style, impact rated eye protection when steel targets are in use.

Prohibited Activities:

NOTE: Members and/or guests who are found to be engaging in any prohibited activity may have their key card confiscated, their current membership revoked, future membership denied, lose any fees paid, be trespassed from range property, and/or prosecuted, based on the severity of the violation.

The following acts/activities are expressly prohibited:

1. Intentional damage to range property. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Intentionally shooting at 2x4 target bases or intentionally trying to damage or destroy OSB target backers or their supports.
 - b. Shooting at any range property that was not intended to be a target.
2. Allowing others (not in your immediate family) to use your key card to access the range
3. Allowing guests to shoot without paying the guest fee
4. **Consuming alcohol on range property.** An exception may be granted for Board approved activities such as picnics and/or barbeques when the range is not in use.
5. Shooting after dark. Shooting hours begin ½ hour before sunrise and end ½ hour after sunset. The Board may approve night shooting activities as part of a sanctioned event if deemed safe.
6. Use of tracer (incendiary) ammunition
7. Use of exploding targets
8. Hunting or shooting at wildlife (rattlesnakes excluded) within the range boundaries
9. Failing to comply with Range Rules or obey a command from a designated Range Officer, Board member, or other GCSSA representative
10. Allowing non-members to enter the range for the purpose of conducting commercial training classes without prior approval from the Board of Directors and payment of any facility use fees due.

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Rules for the Use and Replacement of Key Cards

- **Key cards remain the property of Gate City Sport Shooting Association, and may be repossessed by any Board member for violation of range rules.**
- **Key cards may not be loaned to non-members**

Only the member and their spouse (associate member) may access the range using the membership key card. Dependent children under 18 are covered under the membership, but must be accompanied by an adult member. If a Board member finds someone using the range with another person's key card, they may repossess the key card. Key card repossessions may be appealed to the Board of Directors at a general membership meeting. If the Board finds that the key card was loaned to a non-member in violation of the rules, the member may face sanctions that could range from forfeiture of current membership to denial of future membership or access to the range property.

- **Key card replacement (annual or lifetime)**

Members who lose, misplace, or have their card stolen should notify the GCSSA by one of three methods:

1. Email gatecityssa@gmail.com
2. Attend a GCSSA meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm
3. Send a letter by U.S. Mail to:

GCSSA
P.O. Box 4862
Pocatello, ID 83205

Notification should explain the circumstances of the loss, and include the member name and key card number. Lost, stolen, or misplaced key cards may be replaced at the discretion of the Board of Directors for a fee that is equal to one-half the current annual membership rate. If the Board agrees to replace the key card, instructions for submittal of the replacement fee will be sent to the member, or payment will be expected at the Board meeting attended. The old key card will be deactivated.

- **Gate may occasionally be locked in the open position**

GCSSA Board members, representatives from recognized shooting disciplines, or law enforcement personnel may occasionally leave the gate in an open position to allow access to the range for short periods of time for certain events. If you find the gate open, it will likely be for an authorized reason and there is no need to attempt to close the gate.

Sincerely,

Gate City Sport Shooting Association