

**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](http://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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- a. Using 2x4 target bases as a shelf to place targets (other than the cardboard backers on 1x2 legs) is not allowed.
  - b. Intentionally shooting at 2x4 bases, or supports (posts) for OSB backing boards is prohibited and will be considered vandalism.
  - c. 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 and membership card confiscated, lose any fees paid, have their membership revoked, 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 membership key 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 is prohibited unless you have received prior approval from the Board. There are typically additional fees associated with these activities that must be paid to GCSSA, and the Board needs to have an opportunity to ensure the training will be conducted in a safe manner.

The GCSSA bylaws are available for your review on the GCSSA website at [www.gatecityssa.org](http://www.gatecityssa.org)  
GCSSA also has a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GateCitySSA](http://www.facebook.com/GateCitySSA)

# Rules for the Use and Replacement of Keys

- **Only one key will be issued per membership.**

**Lost, stolen, or misplaced annual membership keys will not be replaced.** The GCSSA considers a key to be range access which is afforded to members only. A lost key represents a membership in the "wild". The member will need to buy another membership to continue using the range.

**Lost, stolen, or misplaced lifetime / disabled veteran memberships keys may be replaced at the discretion of the Board.** Lifetime members must attend a general membership meeting (held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm) to explain the circumstances of the stolen or misplaced key. If the Board agrees to replace the key, the member will be subject to a replacement charge equal to the current price of an annual membership.

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

Only the member and their spouse (associate member) may access the range using the membership key. 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 without a matching membership card, they may repossess their membership key. Key repossessions may be appealed to the Board of Directors at a general membership meeting. If the Board finds that the key was loaned to a non-member in violation of the rules, the member will be required to purchase another membership to continue using the range.

- **Always close and lock the gate**

Unless a scheduled shooting event is taking place, the gate must be closed and locked behind you after you enter or leave the range. When scheduled shooting events are in progress, there will be a sign posted on the gate stating:

*"GCSSA SCHEDULED EVENT IN PROGRESS – PLEASE LEAVE GATE OPEN"*

If you are planning on shooting with non-member guests, you must wait at the gate to let them in. You may not leave the gate open and unattended.

Note: Law enforcement may on occasion leave the gate open when they are using their range. They use a separate combination padlock for which you will not know the combination, so you will be unable to lock the gate.

The padlock is designed to retain your key until it is re-locked, so it may be more convenient to have the padlock key separate from your vehicle key.

Sincerely,

Gate City Sport Shooting Association