

Blue Ridge Shooters Club

Regulations & Safety Rules



GENERAL

The Blue Ridge Shooters' Club, Inc. ("BRSC", "Club") is a private organization, which strives to maintain a safe and friendly atmosphere where members can enjoy the shooting sports. Consequently, these rules and regulations have been developed for all Club members (and guests) to follow when using the range.

Failure to follow the safety rules can lead to dismissal from the range or, upon review by the Board of Directors, expulsion from the Club.

Safety is Everyone's Responsibility.

FOR A MEDICAL EMERGENCY

In the event of a medical emergency.

1. Call 911 immediately!
2. BRSC's 911 address is: 2780 South River Road (State Route 608) Vesuvius, Virginia.
3. Notify a Club officer as promptly as possible, contact information for Club officers is posted at the Range and at the Clubhouse.

REGULATIONS

1. Shooting range hours have been developed as a courtesy to our neighbors and must be obeyed. Center fire rifle and handgun, shotgun, and black powder hours are...
 - a) Eastern Standard Time: 9 AM until 7 PM or sunset (whichever occurs first).
 - b) Daylight Savings Time: 9 AM until 8 PM or sunset (whichever occurs first).
 - c) Daily shooting range hours for rim fire are sunrise to sunset.
 - d) No shooting is allowed after sunset.
 - e) Members always have shooting range priority over any guest.
2. Gate FOBS are not to be used by anyone other than the member in good standing it was assigned. Loaning, Lending, or allowing anyone other than the assigned user of the FOB will result in member disciplinary actions outline in Article 8 of the BRSC Bylaws. The entrance emergency gate is to be locked when electric gate is out of service. Under no conditions may a member divulge the combination of the lock on the emergency gate to a non-member.
3. Hunting is not allowed at any time on Club property.
4. Each member shall be responsible for a minimum of four hours of work on behalf of the Club each year. You may participate at a scheduled workday or perform tasks approved by the Board of Directors. Any member who does not performed the agreed one four-hour workday annually will be charged a fee of \$50 on the next years membership renewal.

Failure to pay fee will result in an incomplete renewal and the member will not be issued a renewal membership card and the members FOB will be deactivated. Requests for exceptions to this regulation must be presented in writing to the Board of Directors at the address above.

5. After all shooting sessions
 - a) members are responsible for cleaning up their spent ammunition, brass, casings, shells, targets, and trash.
 - b) All targets must be removed from the range by the shooter after use. This includes target bases which will be removed from the range and stacked neatly in the designated area.
 - c) Do not leave trash on the range.
Note: Only BRASS shell casings are to be put into the Brass Only barrel. All other shell casings are trash; this includes all plastic/paper shotgun hulls, all steel cases, and all aluminum cases.
6. Any member who destroys Club property or willfully leaves trash on the range will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the Club by the Board of Directors.
7. Guests and children must be under the direct supervision of a current Club member. Guests who visit more than six (6) times to shoot within a year are asked to apply for Club membership.
8. Members & Guests must display or wear their appropriate membership cards or Guest Passes.

SAFETY RULES

1. Follow the three NRA basic safety rules always.
 - a) Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
 - b) Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
 - c) Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
2. First aid kits are located in the clubhouse and shooting house by the doors
3. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of drugs, while on the premises is prohibited. Persons under the influence of alcohol, narcotic stimulants, depressants, or demonstrating impaired behavior of any kind that creates an unsafe environment, will be prohibited from using the range and reported to the police or Board of Directors.

4. Eye and ear protection are required on all firing lines including the shooting house, range covers and trap range. Each person shall absolve from liability the Club and all members for any eye or ear damage resulting from the failure to use proper personal protective equipment. Notify all shooters on the firing line when preparing to shoot.
5. Follow all Procedures for going downrange (This includes Trap Shooters).
6. There shall be no horse play at or on the firing line at any time.
7. Target requirements and restrictions:
 - a) All shooting shall be deliberate aimed fire at appropriate targets.
 - b) Place all targets so that bullets passing through or adjacent to the targets will hit the berm (earthen backstop).
 - c) Do not place targets directly on the ground.
 - d) Do not place objects on the tops or bases of the frames.
 - e) Do not shoot at or near stanchions, support pipes, buildings, or roads.
 - f) Repair any frame that you accidentally shoot.
 - g) No glass bottles and containers can be used as targets.
8. Metal targets may be used at BRSC range for non-sanctioned events with the following restrictions:
 - a) Must use only rim fire and handgun center fire ammo (no center fire rifle ammo allowed).
 - b) Non-jacketed ammo recommended.
 - c) The target must be placed at the berm.
 - d) Target must be used according to manufacturer's recommendations.
 - e) Homemade targets must be at least equivalent to manufactured targets or targets used in sanctioned shoots.
 - f) Targets must be functionally in good repair.
 - g) Targets must be shot from a straight on position.
 - h) Eye protection required for all at the range where targets are in use.
 - i) Metal cans (food grade) may be used as targets if they are placed approximately 3 feet up on the berm, or on a target stand such that the bullets impact the berm.
9. Trap Shooters:
 - a) Coordinate with 100-yard range so that trap shooting is stopped when people are downrange.
 - b) Always keep action open until it is your turn to shoot.
 - c) Never walk in front of the trap house when throwers are on.
 - d) Ensure nobody is in the trap house before starting a round of trap.
 - e) Do not pick up empty hulls until the round is complete and put all Hulls in the barrel located in the Trap Storage House.

- f) Break down all Clay Boxes and place them in the Dumpster after the shoot.
- g) Always turn to your right when changing trap positions.
- h) Never leave the Trap Line until all shooters have completed their rounds.
- i) Always fill the trap machine after you are finished for the day.

10. Club Shooting Competitions:

- a) Shall be held in accordance with the safety rules and regulations of the sanctioned match organization.
- b) All competitions held at BRSC are required to have an NRA certified Range Safety Officer present.
- c) All competitors will be held in strict adherence to the safety procedures as directed by the Range Safety Officer.
- d) Firearms shall be unloaded until the appropriate command, such as, Load, commence fire, is given.
- e) The command Cease fire! Can be given by anyone in case of an emergency.
- f) At the Cease fire command, all shooters are to stop firing immediately and wait for further instructions.
- g) The action must be open, and the firearm unloaded when moving any firearm from or to the firing line.
- h) The muzzle must be pointed in a safe direction defined as downrange, or, if the downrange direction is not clear, the muzzle must be pointed up.

11. Instructors:

- a) Instructors must be certified by a nationally recognized firearms organization (such as NRA, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, USCCA), be a member in good standing at BRSC, and approved by the Board of Directors before scheduling any safety or certification class at BRSC.
- b) All classes must be approved by the BRSC Board of Directors and posted on BRSC calendar before class date.
- c) BRSC events, competitions or any other special event will have priority over instructors' classes.
- d) Instructors will be held to a higher standard of safety, and protocol when conducting classes, instructing other members, participating in any scheduled event or individual shooting while at BRSC. Safety or Rules violations committed by Instructors will be scrutinized to that same higher standard and will be viewed under its own merit under Article 8 of the BRSC Bylaws, BRSC Regulations & Safety Rules, and the determination of the BRSC Board of Directors.
- e) All instructors will have their students sign a Waiver of Liability located in the clubhouse. This Waiver will be valid for one (1) year per individual.

All persons participating in class, instruction, watching or visiting during scheduled class must sign an individual waiver...NO EXCEPTIONS.

- f) All instructors are to act in a professional manner and set a good example of safety and skill while at BRSC in any capacity.

12. Strictly Prohibited:

- a) 50 BMG rifles or any cartridge derived from this design.
- b) Fully automatic firearms, described as any firearm with the capability of firing more than one round of ammunition with only one squeeze of the trigger.
- c) Tracers or armor piercing ammunition.
- d) Exploding Targets or Tannerite.

13. Rules for Novice Shooters:

- a) No more than one round of ammunition in the novice user's firearm, once you demonstrated control of your firearms recoil you may add more cartridges to you magazine or cylinder.

GOING DOWNRANGE

- Announce a Cease fire (Inform Trap Shooters)
- All shooters must acknowledge the cease fire
- Firearms must be unloaded, action open and placed on the bench or in a gun rack
- Firearms are not to be handled while anyone is downrange
 - Activate the Down Range Warning System (DRWS)
 - Proceed downrange and fix targets
- Return to the firing line and account for all shooters and non-shooters
 - Deactivate the Down Range Warning System
 - Announce firing line is live (Inform Trap Shooters)

The person who calls for the cease fire is the responsible party to carry out all steps above including turning the system on and off.

These rules may be revised at any time by the Board of Directors.

Please check our website for updates. By order of the Board of Directors