

# Gate City Sport Shooting Association APPLICATION FOR DISABLED VETERAN MEMBERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

Gate City Sport Shooting Association (GCSSA) membership is free to veterans with a VA service connected disability rating of 40% or more who live in Bannock county or a bordering county. As a member of GCSSA, you and your immediate family (spouse and children under the age of 18) will be entitled to use the **Oregon Trail Shooting Range** facility on 2-½ Mile Road at any time during allowed hours (see attached Range Rules) except during scheduled events. There is no “per use” fee for members and their immediate family. **Non-Member guests will pay \$5.00/day guest fee.**

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 membership card and gate key, or these items 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 communications including notices of meetings and events.

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](http://www.gatecityssa.org). GCSSA also has two Facebook pages; [www.facebook.com/GateCitySSA](https://www.facebook.com/GateCitySSA) and [www.facebook.com/OTSRRange](https://www.facebook.com/OTSRRange).

Thank you for your service.



# Range Rules for Gate City Sport Shooting Association Oregon Trail Shooting Range

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

1. SAFETY is rule ONE.
2. Shooters are required to sign in prior to shooting. There are sign in stations at each individual shooting bay and (3) on the Main Firing Line. 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. Anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
5. Obey the posted safety rules, the designated Range Officer's commands, and use common sense.
6. Remain behind the firing line if not shooting. Exception is one coach per shooter.
7. Eye and ear protection must be worn by everyone on the firing line or within 20 feet of the firing line.
8. Keep firearm actions open, or use a chamber flag when not shooting.
9. Firearm muzzles will be pointed down range or up (vertically) at all times when on the firing line.
10. Firearm actions must be open or flagged, and muzzle pointed in a safe direction when not on the firing line. Use of gun racks behind the firing lines is encouraged.
11. NO ONE is allowed in the down range/danger zone forward of the firing line except when a cease fire is called and all shooters on the firing line acknowledge a 'cold range'.
12. No handling of firearms is allowed when a cease fire is called. If remaining on the shooting line, step away from any firearms.
13. Use of armor piercing and/or tracer ammunition is not allowed.
14. Exploding targets are prohibited.
15. Use only targets provided by or approved by the Association. Shooting at glass objects is prohibited.
16. On the main firing line, all targets must be placed immediately in front of berms.
17. 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.
18. No hunting or shooting at wildlife (rattlesnakes excluded) is allowed within the range boundaries.
19. Alcohol is not permitted on the range except for pre-approved activities such as picnics and/or barbeques when the range is not in use and/or has been closed by a Range Officer.
20. Place all trash in the trash receptacles. Shooters are responsible for picking up shotgun hulls and all items used as targets and disposing of them. All targets and target stands are to be returned to their storage areas after use.
21. Failure to comply with the Range Rules or Range Officer commands may result in the loss of shooting privileges and fees paid.
22. Intentional damage to range property will result in loss of shooting privileges, fees paid, and may result in criminal prosecution if deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. This includes intentionally shooting at 2x4 "H" target bases or intentionally trying to damage or destroy OSB target backers or their supports.
23. Shotgun use on OSB backing boards and cardboard target backers on 1x2 legs is prohibited. These are not intended to be used for, or as shotgun targets and will be destroyed with only a few rounds.
24. Failure to obey the Range Officer's order to leave the range premises will result in criminal prosecution.
25. Shooting hours begin ½ hour before sunrise and end ½ hour after sunset. Night shooting is prohibited unless approved specifically by the Board of Directors as part of a sanctioned event.
26. The GCSSA bylaws are available for your review on the GCSSA website at [www.gatecityssa.org](http://www.gatecityssa.org) GCSSA also has two Facebook pages; [www.facebook.com/GateCitySSA](http://www.facebook.com/GateCitySSA) and [www.facebook.com/OTSRRange](http://www.facebook.com/OTSRRange)

# 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