



## Skeet, Trap & Sporting Clays Safety and Rules of Operation 2025

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**General Rules for Safety**—Safety is the responsibility of every shooter on the ranges of ORSA. If you see something unsafe or improper TAKE IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTION.

ORSA members are charged with the **SAFETY** of all who use our facilities when on ORSA property. **SAFETY** is everyone's responsibility. **Members are responsible for the safety and rules adherence of their guests. All members and guests must complete safety orientations. Guests may shoot a maximum of three times, then must become a member of ORSA.**

### **General Safety Rules for all Facilities**

1. When your gun is out of its case and being carried, open the breech or lock the bolt open and visually inspect the chamber to ensure the weapon is not loaded. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready for a target.
2. **Always keep the muzzle of the firearm pointed in a safe direction, the action open and the firearm unloaded until ready to shoot.** Muzzles shall be pointed downrange or in the air away from shooters. Muzzles pointed up shall be above shooters' heads. When resting an open break action on your shoulder barrels shall face forward.
3. All guns must have actions open and chambers empty until on shooting station, except in gun rack or golf cart..
4. Be aware of target area and beyond. The downrange area shall be checked before commencing fire. Look for persons on or near target areas, contractors, maintenance equipment or vehicles on paths and roadways. A Skeet, Trap or SC range shall not be used if contractors or personnel are present on the field.
5. Proper eye and hearing protection will be worn by everyone on the ranges while the ranges are in use. A hat or cap is recommended but not required.
6. Be sure your firearm and ammunition are compatible. Carry only the correct gauge shells for the shotgun you are currently shooting. Only legal modern 12, 16, 20, 28, and .410 gauge shotguns may be fired.
7. No shot sizes larger than 7 ½ (7 ½, 8, or 9 shot sizes only) shall be used on the Skeet, Trap or SC ranges. No tracer or incendiary type shells shall be used. At no time will more than two shells be loaded in a shotgun.
8. Orange cones on trap houses mean personnel are there and range use is prohibited (S or T) until area is determined safe and cone is removed.
9. Shooters and spectators may not be on the walkways between shooting stations during any shooting activity. Spectators must be off the range before shooting commences.
10. If a gun or trap malfunctions or machine runs out of targets the shotgun will be unloaded and action opened before any shooter steps off the station or before anyone traverses the range outside the safety zone. If a shell misfires keep the shotgun pointed downrange for a minimum of 30 seconds before unloading.
11. Shooters may not advance to the next station until all shooters in the group have completed the current shooting station. Shooters in waiting must be in the safety zone behind the current station.
12. Do not pass in front of trap and low skeet windows or sporting clays machines. They may operate without notice.
13. Any shooter whose shotgun accidentally discharges for mechanical reasons shall be required to change shotguns or, if time permits, make repairs before continuing to shoot.
14. **Only authorized members** may enter the skeet and trap houses or the SC machine areas. Only trained or supervised members are to enter the trap houses, load clay targets, open trap house windows, retrieve objects from within the trap houses, or operate trap machines. Only **authorized** members can adjust in any way the trap, skeet and SC machines. Other members may enter houses to load machines only after an authorized member has secured the machines.
15. You are responsible to clean up the range when you have completed your shooting. All hulls must be removed from the range and disposed of. Empty target boxes and other large containers shall be flattened and placed in the dumpster. Range trash containers shall be emptied into the dumpster and returned to the range.
16. Keep the S&T control box doors closed and latched while shooting. After shooting is completed and before leaving the range roll up the release cord or replace the wireless handset and place it in the storage box. Turn off the power to the S&T machines, release the arms of the machines, reload the carousels, sweep out the trap

houses, lower the trap house window and lock the trap houses and control boxes. SC traps shall be left armed except when reloading. Replace handsets and close control boxes when leaving station.

17. Do not mix alcohol, drugs or medications with shooting activities. If a person is taking prescription medications, over the counter drugs bearing a warning about operating machinery, driving etc. or any substance which may adversely affect their individual performance that person will refrain from shooting activities until free from the effects of the drug or substance.
18. SCs pattern board use is restricted to 2 ¾" **shotgun** target or game loads with lead shot sizes 7 ½, 8 or 9 only. No high brass, magnum shells or other shot sizes allowed. No rifles or handguns. Any shotshells may be used on the S&T pattern board. No slugs, sabots, or pumpkin balls are allowed. No rifles or handguns
19. Handheld or portable traps may not be used anywhere on the fields
20. The use of modern muzzle loading shotguns is specifically restricted at all trap, skeet and sporting clays ranges. Their use is restricted to non-open hours operation and requires a dedicated range officer who is familiar with and follows the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA) safety rules. Field use may not be mixed with traditional smokeless shotgun users.
- 21. Other firearms, handguns, rifles, etc. are not allowed on the field, even for display or inspection**
- 22. Release triggers are approved for use only on skeet and trap fields,**

#### ***Specific Safety Rules for Skeet***

1. Skeet shooting squads will restricted to no more than six (6). Only one shooter may fire at a time. The use of Skeet fields shall be limited to 60 minutes or one regulation round if groups are waiting.
2. **When the 1000 yard high power range is in use skeet shooting is limited:**  
1000 yard line – No personnel allowed on field 4.  
800 or 900 yard lines – No skeet shooting allowed. Trap shooting is permitted on fields 1 and 2 only  
When shooting on field 4 the red flag must be displayed on the low house.  
During skeet shooting events the HP range gates at 1000 yards and 650 yards must be closed.  
Cease fire on Field 4 when a car is on the road below between the creek and tree line

#### ***Specific Safety Rules for Trap***

1. Trap shooting squads are restricted to no more than 5 shooters (1/station). Exceptions are allowed for certain events. Only one shooter may fire at a time. The use of Trap fields shall be limited to 60 minutes or one regulation round if groups are waiting.
2. When changing stations from 5 to 1 shotguns must be unloaded, actions open and shooters shall turn clockwise and walk behind the other shooters.
3. Shooters waiting their turn may place shells in break action shotguns but under no circumstances will the action be closed until it is their turn to shoot.

#### ***Specific Safety Rules for Sporting Clays***

1. Sporting clays shooting squads are limited to (4) shooters. Only one shooter may fire at a time. Use of the sporting clays range shall be limited to 2 hours for one regulation round if groups are waiting, At least 2 people must be on the field when shooting
2. SC golf cart operators must be at least 16 years old and have a valid driver's license. Only four persons on a cart. Shooters are responsible for damage to carts and/or equipment. Personal carts may be used at the SC range provided they are deemed safe for use by the range officer and operated by a licensed driver.