

St. Charles Sportsmen's Club

Sporting Clays Range

Standard Operating Procedures

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The **St. Charles Sportsmen's Club** has an outstanding safety record. It is the goal of the Board of Directors and the membership to continue that record. These rules are set forth for your safety and for the safety of those around you. Violation of these rules will lead to disciplinary action.

Safety Rules

1. Always keep the shotgun pointed down range with the action open.
Break open guns must have the action open with the muzzle pointed towards the ground.
Be aware of the gun muzzle direction. Never point a gun at another person or "sweep" your squad if you turn to talk to the trapper.
2. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. Do not put your finger on the trigger until you call for the target.
3. Always keep the gun unloaded and action open until ready to shoot. When changing stations chambers must be empty.
4. ALL SHOOTERS MUST WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.

Additional Safety Rules

1. All shotguns must be unloaded and the actions open when moving to and from the shooting stations on the Sporting Clays field.
2. Break action shotguns may be closed when in a gun rack. Pump action and semi-auto action shotguns **MUST** have their actions open when in a gun rack.
3. Anyone may call a ceasefire if they see a problem. The term "ceasefire" means immediately stop shooting, open action and wait for further instructions.
4. Spectators must not interfere with or distract the shooters and pullers.
Conversations among spectators must be held far enough away from shooters to avoid interference with their concentration and so the pullers may accurately hear the shooters signal. It is recommended spectators wear eye and ear protection

5. Shooting at the ground is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
6. A maximum of 2 shells may be loaded in the gun.
7. ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUGS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED ON THE RANGE.
8. NO ONE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS IS ALLOWED ON THE RANGE.
9. ALL SHOOTERS MUST FOLLOW DIRECTIONS GIVEN BY THE RANGE SAFETY OFFICER (RSO). NO ONE MAY QUESTION THE AUTHORITY OF THE RANGE SAFETY OFFICER (RSO). THE AUTHORITY OF THE RSO IS ABSOLUTE. PROTESTS MAY BE MADE TO THE ST. CHARLES SPORTSMEN'S SPORTING CLAYS CHAIRMAN OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
10. Please report any violations to the SCSC Sporting Clays Chairman, a Board member or Range Safety Officer (RSO).
Anyone found in violation of rule seven (7), eight (8), or nine (9) will be asked to leave the range. If the request to leave the range is not obeyed, contact the Club Manager or Board Member to resolve the problem. If necessary, law enforcement may be called for assistance and membership in the St. Charles Sportsmen's Club may be suspended.
11. All Members should monitor other shooters and politely correct any unsafe behavior.

General Range rules

1. The use of the range is for Full members, their immediate family or guests.
2. The Sporting Clays range is open Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am to 2 p.m. During the summer months it may be open Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
3. The range will also be closed on the "Club Quiet Days," which are typically Easter Sunday or Christmas Day. Please check the Club calendar for updated information.
4. Guns must be unloaded while in the golf carts.
5. **Do not attempt to make any repairs or adjustments to the trap / sporting clays machines!**
6. Shot size is limited to **Number 7½, 8, or 9 only.**
3 Dram equivalent

No magnum loads are allowed.

7. Members must display their SCSC Member I.D. card at all times within the Club Property to be allowed to shoot.
8. Members are fully responsible for the conduct of their guests. Each guest must complete the required form located in the guest book in the Clubhouse.
9. **This is a SCSC Member-supported range.
Please keep your Club clean.**

When you are finished shooting you must:

*Throw away any trash or ammo boxes.

*Pick up empty shells and dispose of them.

*Be proactive and clean any debris from the sporting clay stations and discard in the waste cans.