

St. Charles Sportsmen's Club

Standard Operating Procedures – (SOPs)

Shooting Members and Trap members

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 standard operating procedures are set forth for your safety and for the safety of those around you. Violation of these rules will lead to disciplinary action up to and including permanent expulsion from the club.

BIG 4 Safety Rules

- 1) Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction (down range).
- 2) Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. Do not put your finger on the trigger until your sights are on the target and/or you are ready to call for the clay.
- 3) Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
- 4) Eye and ear protection is required at all times for all shooters and for all spectators.

General Safety Rules

- 1) In case of an Emergency, dial 911. State the address, 44W471 West Keslinger Road, Elburn , the specific location (Rifle Range, etc.) and the cause of emergency. Each shooting location, including Sporting Clays Stations, is marked with signage to assist Emergency Responders to locate the emergency.
- 2) Anyone may call a ceasefire if a problem is seen. All Members will monitor all other shooters and correct any unsafe behavior(s). The term “ceasefire” means to immediately stop shooting and wait for further instructions. Safety is everyone's responsibility.
- 3) Spectators must not interfere with or distract the shooters or employees.
- 4) All shooting is prohibited on the “Club Quiet Days,” which are Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day and during the “Club Quiet Hours” of 10:00 PM to 9:00 AM. Please check the Club calendar for updated information.
- 5) Members must display their SCSC Member I.D. card at all times while on Club Property to be allowed to shoot.
- 6) **ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUGS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED ON ANY SHOTGUN FIELD.**

- 7) NO ONE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS IS ALLOWED ON ANY SHOTGUN FIELD.
- 8) ALL SHOOTERS MUST FOLLOW DIRECTIONS GIVEN BY THE RANGE SAFETY OFFICER (RSO). THE AUTHORITY OF THE RANGE SAFETY OFFICER IS ABSOLUTE.

Anyone found in violation of rule 7, 8, or 9 will be asked to leave the club. If the request to leave is not obeyed, the club manager or a board member will be contacted. Law enforcement may be called for assistance.

- 9) No wildlife may be harassed or killed on St. Charles Sportsmen's Club property.
- 10) Report any violations to:
 - a. Clubhouse (630-365-9881) (Please download the phone number in your cell phone)
 - b. Appropriate Chairman (Trap, or Sporting Clays)
 - c. Safety Chairman
 - d. Board Member
 - e. Range Safety Officer.

Shotgun Ranges

Safety Rules

- 1) Always keep the shotgun pointed down range with the action open and unloaded until ready to shoot.
 - a. Pump action and semi-auto action shotguns must have their action open and chamber(s) empty when shooters are waiting for their turn at each station or walking between sporting clay stations.
 - b. Break open guns must have the action open with the muzzle pointed towards the ground.
- 2) Be aware of the gun muzzle direction. When carrying the gun insure that the barrel is never pointed at a person. A safe direction is towards the ground or up into the air.
 - a. **Trap** = Keep the gun pointed towards the trap house, straight up, or down at the ground in front of you.
 - b. **Sporting Clays** = Keep the gun pointed through the window/arbors of the shooting station. **Do not load your gun until you are standing on the shooting station with your muzzle through the "arbors"**
 - c. Never point a gun at another person or "sweep" your squad if you turn to talk to the trapper.

- 3) Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. Do not put your finger on the trigger until you call for the target.
- 4) **When changing stations, chambers must be empty.**
- 5) Do not shoulder or dry fire your gun in the clubhouse.
- 6) SNAP CAPS ARE NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON THE CLUB GROUNDS.
- 7) 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.
- 8) Maximum number of shells in the gun at any time:
 - a. **Trap** = Load only one shell at a time.
 - i. You may load two (2) shells only when shooting trap doubles.
 - b. **Sporting clays** = A maximum of two (2) shells may be loaded in the gun.
- 9) **This is a SCSC Member-supported range. Please keep your Club clean.**
On the skeet and sporting clays course pick up empty shells and dispose of them.

General Shotgun Range Rules

1. **Trap** = The use of the Trap range is for Full members, their immediate family or guests, Probationary members, Shooting members, and Trap members.

Sporting clays = The use of the Sporting Clays range is for Full members, their immediate family or guests, Probationary members, and Shooting Members

2. **Hours of operation – Check the club calendar on the website**

Trap = Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
Thursday evening from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.
Tuesday evenings during the months from April to December 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Sporting Clays = Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM. to 3 PM.
Sporting Clays is open to full members Thursday afternoons from 12:30 PM – 6:00 PM.
During the summer months sporting clays may be open Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

3. Guns must be unloaded while in golf carts on the sporting clays course.
4. **Do not attempt to make any repairs or adjustments to the Trap or Sporting clays machines! If they are not working properly call the clubhouse 630-365-9881 or the number posted in the skeet house.**
5. **Shot size limits - 3 Dram equivalent maximum – Magnum, steel, & Hevi-shot not allowed**
Trap = Number 7½, 8, or 9 only. 3
Sporting Clays = Number 7½, 8, or 9 only