



MEMBERSHIP

RULES & REGULATIONS

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Boone County Sportsmen's Club

Please take a few minutes to read and familiarize yourself with this booklet.

B.C.S.C. is a private nonprofit club established in 1946 for the enjoyment of paid members. We are pleased that you have chosen to join our group and we wish to extend a hearty welcome from the B.C.S.C. board of directors and officers.

Our mission is to provide a safe and pleasant environment for the enjoyment of the outdoor shooting sports, to promote gun safety, honor the 2nd amendment and to cooperate with other groups and organizations that have similar goals.

On our property, we have archery ranges including an elevated platform to simulate hunting. Additionally, we have a 12 yd. pistol range, separate 25, 50 & 100 yd. rifle ranges, two Skeet fields and one Trap field. All aspects of maintenance and upkeep of the facilities and grounds are provided solely by volunteer members. Therefore, it becomes critical that each of us do our part to ensure that the grounds are left in at least as good or better condition than you found them in.

It is the duty of the board and officers to preserve the property and integrity of our club for the use and enjoyment of all its members. It is a charge that we take very seriously. Please know that flagrant disregard for the rules of this club will not be tolerated. Safety violations will be viewed with prejudice. With the cooperation of all our members, we can all anticipate that this club will continue to serve its stated function in central Iowa for many years to come.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Board of Directors & Officers of B. C. S. C.

Sincerely,

Secretary B. C. S. C.: Rick Howell

GENERAL CLUB RULES

1. Keep all guns unloaded except when it is your turn to shoot.
2. Shoot only in the designated target areas.
3. Shoot from bench firing line only. Do not stand in front of benches.
4. Shoot only at posted targets. Do not post targets on or shoot at the trees. Steel targets must be a minimum of 10 yards from the muzzle of the gun and placed at the base of the berm. (Not in front of the Backstop). Do not double tap steel targets.
5. Absolutely no glass, cans, appliances, bowling pins, Computers, or any other "junk" may be used for target practice. No reactive ground targets, "Tannerite" or other explosive targets allowed.
6. Do not post targets in front of uprights or wooden cross members on the target, backstops.
7. Clean up your own mess when you are done. (Police the area of all trash, paper targets, empty brass, and empty shotgun hulls.)
8. Any member may bring his or her spouse or minor children out to use the facility. You are responsible for your family and guests. An adult member must accompany persons, who are 18 years of age or under. No exceptions!
9. Only members and immediate family may shoot. No non-member, non-family persons may shoot except during organized events. (See rules #10 & #14 below for exceptions)
10. All memberships are family memberships. A family consists of spouses and all non-adult children. Adult children 19 years of age or older must have their own membership.
11. Trespassers will be prosecuted. Always have your card with you.
12. Report anyone acting in an unsafe manner to the club officers.
13. Always keep the gate CLOSED & LOCKED except during events. Please remember to spin the dial on the combination lock so that non-members cannot acquire the combination.
14. Boone County residents are required to be a paid-up member to use this facility with two notable exceptions. 1. Non-members can use the club during organized shoots that are open to the general public or as the member of a group or organization that has rented the club for its prearranged activity. 2. Persons who reside outside of Boone County who are non-members, are eligible to be a temporary guest of an active member in good standing. The purpose of this guest policy is to extend to our members a chance to offer their distant visiting family and guests the opportunity to spend an afternoon at the range. This is a perk of membership and should not be abused.

While on our property, guests are subject to all club rules and are the responsibility of their host member. Guest status is a privilege and is not to be abused or used to avoid paying to become a full member. Guests using the facility more than a couple of times per calendar year, should probably join as a full member.

15. Absolutely **NO ALCOHOL** on club premises.

16. The use of *eye and ear protection* are required for anyone that is on Boone County Sportsman's Club property.
17. Any member may check to verify membership. When asking to see someone's card, be prepared to show others your card. Report trespassers to an officer. You must have proof of membership to be on club property.
18. No firearms are allowed on the archery range.
19. No children are allowed on the archery tower.
20. Only pistol shooters may shoot on the pistol range south of the old cabin. (NO RIFLES or SHOTGUNS)
21. Do not put live ammo in trash barrels! When they are full, we burn them, and it is extremely dangerous!
22. No off-road vehicles (four wheelers, snowmobiles, etc.) allowed on the club premises.
23. Do NOT walk forward to the target backstop until everyone has stopped shooting and all guns are unloaded and placed on the bench with chambers open. Do not touch guns while people are downrange!
24. Observe range courtesy, everyone should check targets at the same time.
25. The Boone County Sportsman's Club is not a playground. Do not let children run around unsupervised.
26. All vehicles shall remain in the parking area (no driving on grounds). (Exceptions for training or qualification exercises and with approval by the Boone County Sportsman's Club Board & Officers).
27. No wildlife residing on, or traversing club property is to be knowingly molested in any fashion.
28. Pictures or videos taken at the club for "**the purpose of profit, or advertisement**" of a company or business without the approval of the Boone Sportsmen's Club Board is prohibited. Failure to comply with this rule will be considered just cause for immediate revocation of membership.

Failure to comply with these rules and regulations could result in suspension or revocation of your membership privileges.

Boone County Sportsman's Club is a private facility that exists for the enjoyment of paid-up members. Please do not allow nonmembers to have access to the gate combination. Please respect the property and equipment. With a little care and common sense, we will be able to enjoy this club for many years to come.

As a private club we are still subject to all pertinent, standing gun and sporting laws of federal, state, and local government. Your membership in a private club does not exempt you from these laws. Any unlawful act observed on club property will be prosecuted.

SKEET RULES

1. Shoot only from designated areas. (Concrete pads.)
2. All shooters or pullers on the field must always wear safety glasses and hearing protection.
3. Do not load your gun until you are on the station and ready to shoot.
4. Load only the shells that you need for a given station. (Maximum of two.)
5. Pick up all empty shotgun hulls.
6. If rifle ranges are in use, coordinate with the bench shooters so they can safely check their targets.
7. Be courteous to the other shooters around you.
8. On station eight, shoot everyone's high bird first, then repeat and shoot the low bird. (If straight, you may shoot consecutive low birds.)
9. When shooting is concluded, make sure all machines are loaded full for the next user.
10. Burn or dispose of all empty boxes.
11. If a machine breaks or malfunctions repeatedly, report it to an officer ASAP.

In addition to the above rules, we also enforce all rules approved by the National Skeet Shooting Association. All rounds of skeet are to be shot in a sportsman like manner. As with any sport, situations may require the use of common sense. Only one shooter may be on the shooting pads with a loaded gun at a time. All directions, unless unsafe, given by the range officer must be adhered to.

TRAP RULES

1. Only games sanctioned by the Board of Directors are to be played.
2. All shooters or pullers on the field must always wear safety glasses and hearing protection.
3. The current sanctioned games are as follows, Trap, Handicapped Trap, Wobble Trap, Handicapped Wobble Trap, Standard Trap (from south field skeet stations), Wobble Trap (from south field skeet stations)
4. All shooting is to be done from the concrete shooting positions.
5. On "Wobble Skeet" and similar games, the range officer must relocate station #8 to a safe location just behind the trap house. This exception is only for these games.
6. Do not load your gun until you are on the station and ready to shoot.
7. Load only the shells that you need for a given station. (Maximum of two.)
8. Pick up all empty shotgun hulls.
9. The 50 and 100-yard, rifle range must be shut down while shooting trap.
10. When shooting is concluded, fill the machine for the next shooter.
11. Burn or dispose of all empty boxes.
12. If a machine breaks or malfunctions repeatedly, report it to an officer ASAP.

In addition to the above rules, we also enforce all rules approved by the National Trap Shooting Association. All rounds of trap are to be shot in a sportsman like manner. As with any sport, situations may require the use of common sense. Only one shooter may be on the shooting pads with a loaded gun at a time. All directions, unless unsafe, given by the range officer must be adhered to.

ARCHERY RANGE RULES

1. Shoot only on established archery ranges.
2. All archery ranges are configured to shoot to the east. All arrows must travel from the west to the east. No exceptions!
3. Do not shoot the tarps that cover the archery targets.
4. Put all tarps back on the targets when you are finished shooting.
5. Shoot in a courteous and sportsmanlike manner.
6. Do not use the archery tower when the adjoining pistol range is in use.
7. No broad-head points are to be used on targets belonging to the club.
8. No children are allowed on the archery tower.

Since this is an area that will rarely have a range officer in control, common sense and courtesy must always be used. In the sport of archery, a firing line may be established, and multiple shooters may fire at the same time. If this is necessary, one of the shooters may be designated as a temporary range officer. The range officer's duty would be to control the situation and keep all shooters safe.

GENERAL PISTOL, RIFLE, & BENCH SHOOTING RULES

North Ranges:

1. Shoot from designated places only. In most cases, that will be from the shooting benches under the lean-tos. The long benches to the rear of the shooting benches are there for you to use for gun cases and other gear, they are not to be used to shoot from. (Exceptions granted to club-designated matches controlled by safety officers or training/qualification exercises approved by the Boone County Sportsman's Club officers.)
2. In recent years we have seen an increase in the number of guns that will shoot the 50 cal. BMG (Belted Machine Gun) cartridge, being held in private hands. The range and power of these weapons has made it necessary that we do not allow their use at our facility. We simply do not control enough real estate, nor do we have enough earthen berm or other safeguards in place to ensure that these rounds do not leave the property. **Any member that is caught trying to discharge this type of weapon at our club will have his membership immediately revoked.**
3. When people are shooting on the other ranges, **talk to them.** Do not go forward to paste holes or check hits until everyone has stopped shooting and all can go forward at the same time. Do NOT walk forward to the target backstop until everyone has stopped shooting and all guns are unloaded and placed on the bench with chambers open. Do not touch guns while people are downrange! This applies to all ranges!
4. Be sure of your backstop. You must place any free, standing targets in a manner that will allow your bullets to go into a berm, not over it or to unknown places. Be mindful of bullets that may strike the ground ahead of the berm as they may ricochet over the berm. You are in control of the trigger and consequently you are responsible for where your bullet goes. It only takes one errant bullet to cause serious damage or injury and to close this facility forever.
5. When using the club's backstops, "**DO NOT**" place targets in front of the wooden backstop frame. (Usually designated by squiggly lines on the front). All targets should be placed on an open area of the cardboard.
6. Keep all firearms unloaded until you are ready to shoot. (Especially when going forward to check your targets.)
7. NO prohibited items may be used for targets. (See general rule # 5).
8. Pick up all brass or hulls and anything else that you brought with you. Trash barrels are provided, **NO LIVE ROUNDS!!** (Please leave the range at least as clean as when you arrived).
9. No shooting of clay pigeons on the rifle ranges. Whether hand thrown or with a portable thrower, this activity must be done north of the north house.

GENERAL PISTOL BENCH SHOOTING RULES

South Gun Range:

1. Only handguns (no rifles or shotguns) are allowed on the gun range south of the old cabin. Exceptions are made from time to time for approved handgun matches, or official training/qualification exercises that are approved and sanctioned by the board of directors and officers of the Boone County Sportsman's Club.
2. All firearms should be kept in an unloaded and in safe condition while waiting to shoot or when going forward to check targets.
3. Shoot in designated areas only. (Between the lean-to and the berm).
4. Bring your own targets and target stands for use on the south pistol range or use the two backstops provided. **Do not attach targets to the framework of the backstops or to trees.** (Club owned props, barricades and walls are for use with club approved activities only).
5. Place targets so all shots fired go "directly" into the gun range berm. (Archery and sound berms to the south are not to be used for any type of gun shooting).
6. NO prohibited items may be used for targets. (See general rule # 5).
7. Pick up all brass and anything else you brought with you. Trash barrels are provided, **NO LIVE ROUNDS!!** (Please leave the range at least as clean as when you arrived)
8. All vehicles shall remain in the parking area (no driving on grounds). (Exceptions for training or qualification exercises and with approval by the Boone County Sportsman's Club Board & Officers).
9. Remember to close the gate after entering and when leaving. (Please be sure to spin the combination dials so that non-members will not have access to the combination).
10. Do NOT walk forward to the target backstop until everyone has stopped shooting and all guns are unloaded and placed on the bench with chambers open. Do not touch guns while people are downrange!

DEFENSIVE HANDGUN MATCH RULES

1. On match day, only the Handgun Match is open to the public, not the rest of the facilities.
2. **No gun handling** except in the designated “**Safe Area**”. (IF you need to check something on your gun or need to unholster it for any reason, go to the designated safe area.)
3. All matches will be run as a “**COLD RANGE**”. All contestants will handle their firearms with care and always be aware of the direction the muzzle is pointed. Whether handling a handgun in the designated “safe area”, or when arriving at the range, safe gun handling is critical. Unless in a “safe area” or while kitting up, a contestant’s sidearm will remain in its holster until the S.O. gives the command: “Load and make ready”.
4. All “Defensive Handgun”, matches must be approved by the Boone County Sportsman’s Club, Match Coordinator or his designee.
5. “Eye” and “Ear” protection are required for all competitors and spectators.
6. Props, barricades, and plywood walls **will not** be used as target stands or be placed in a manner to knowingly take hits.
7. All steel targets shall be placed a minimum of 10 yards from the intended shooting position and placed to take a direct hit. (No angle shots).
8. All shooters are encouraged to help with the picking up of brass, scoring, and pasting of targets.
9. Help is needed in both the setting up and tearing down of matches.
10. Pick up all brass, targets and/or anything else you brought with you that you don’t want. Trash barrels are provided, **NO LIVE ROUNDS!!** (Please leave the range at least as clean as when you arrived).
11. Gate may be left open during Defensive Handgun Matches. The match director or his designee is responsible for securing building and grounds after match.