

# Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Association Range Rules

## UNIVERSAL SAFETY RULES

- Treat all guns as loaded.
- Never point a gun at anything you are not willing to shoot or destroy.
- Never place your finger on the trigger until your sights are on the target.
- Always be sure of your target and what is behind it.

## TCMSA KEY RULES

- Cold Range: Firearm handling forbidden, cased or uncased, anywhere on the range including the parking lot.
- Hot Range: Stay behind firing line; wear EYE/EAR PROTECTION forward of the parking pipe.
- No alcohol consumption and/or medication that inhibits judgment or physical control prior to or during range use.
- Fly the range flag when range is in use, and stow when range is unoccupied.
- Use the light and buzzer safety system.

## DEFINITIONS

**CEASE FIRE:** Command to IMMEDIATELY stop the discharge and handling of all firearms.

**COLD RANGE:** Firearms are MADE SAFE and GROUNDED, or HOLSTER SECURED.

**HOT RANGE:** Firearms handling and discharging allowed. No one is allowed down range.

**FIRING LINE:** Front edge of the concrete benches, extending left and right, includes all positions from uncovered firing line to the handgun range. The firing line for the shotgun area is the front edge of the target throwers.

**GROUNDING:** Place firearm on ground, bench, cradle, etc.; removing any physical contact.

**HOLSTERED SECURED:** Firearm placed in a holster so that it can not come out except when drawn by the user, and will be considered the same as grounding

**MADE SAFE:** Firearm has the action open and unloaded and removable magazines are out of the firearm.

## RANGE CONTROL RULES

1. No hunting allowed.
2. No automatic or simulated automatic fire allowed.
3. Members control range activities normally. During TCMSA sanctioned events and competitions, event director controls all users and activities of the range.
4. Members must coordinate with director prior to shooting during an event/competition. Follow event director directions; event director may expel people from the range.
5. Unless on the firing line, all firearms must be MADE SAFE.
6. All firearms must be cased, holstered secure, or pointed in a safe direction (up or down) with the action open when transferring a firearm to or away from the firing line.
7. Any member may change range condition to COLD RANGE, HOT RANGE. Member must signal changes with range safety system. Member must ensure no one is down range before making the range hot.
8. Special Condition: Firearm may be handled during a COLD RANGE to facilitate setting up wind flags, chronograph, etc. Person requesting firearm handling must inform all other users on the range of the condition.
9. Discharge all firearms at or in front of the firing line.
10. All projectiles must impact in a berm.
11. Firing across the range is forbidden.
12. TCMSA closes range for some events or competitions. Only participants may use range.

13. TCMSA restricts range for some events or competitions. Event director controls member access and use.
14. Range is closed during range maintenance.
15. Events or competition rules may supersede TCMSA rules.

#### **AMMO RULES**

1. No tracer or incendiary ammunition.
2. No steel core or armor piercing ammunition use on TCMSA-provided steel targets.
3. No .50 BMG.
4. Do not place unfired ammunition in the trash barrels.

#### **TARGET RULES**

1. No exploding targets allowed.
2. Members must provide their own targets. Remove all target materials when finished.
3. Place targets so projectiles impact berm. Locate personal target frames to ensure projectiles impact middle 2/3 of berm.
4. Place targets where projectiles do not hit the frames.
5. Members purposefully destroying club-provided wooden frames, holders or steel targets may be disciplined.
6. Competition target frames/holders must not be used by members for general shooting.
7. Clay pigeons for rifle/pistol targets will be placed in the middle 2/3's of the berm. Ground level targets must be placed at the base of a berm.

#### **MEMBER RULES**

1. No smoking forward of the firing line.
2. Unescorted access requires current dues, range orientation attended, and signed acceptance agreement.
3. Keep gate combination secure. Non-member must not be given combination.
4. Members must be present and control guests. Keep children under direct supervision. Unsafe guests will be directed to leave.
5. Members and guests must sign in and out. Event participants sign in/out optional.
6. Close and lock the gate after passing. Gate may remain unlocked during public events. Event coordinator must lock gate at end of event.
7. Drive slowly on roads; stay on roads; do not park/block roads.
8. Shooters will not use more than one bench or firing position if other members are waiting to shoot.

#### **COURTESY RULES**

1. Member should obtain agreement of all shooters prior to changing range condition.
2. Members should remove all trash and targets when leaving the range including, as practical, empty brass and hulls.
3. Members are responsible for range safety; cooperation is mandatory.