



Escondido Fish and Game Association

Range Information and Casual Shooting Rules

1. Members are responsible for knowing, and advising their guest(s), of ALL Administrative and Casual Shooting Rules. Failure to follow the Administrative and Range rules are grounds for temporary to permanent loss of membership privileges.
2. Only EF&GA members and guests in their company may use the facilities, except in the event of an Association function which is open to the public.
3. The EF&GA range facility is a wildlife preserve. Shooting at or injuring wildlife is prohibited and may lead to loss of membership.
4. This is your range. Please help keep it clean and neat.
5. The Pistol, Rifle, Archery and manual hand trap range(s) are open from 7:00 a.m. to local sunset (sunset at the range). Trap ranges are open Tuesday morning, Wednesday and Saturday afternoon/evenings to close, approximately 9:00 p.m. Trap days are open to members and the public.
6. The Range Safety Officer's/Masters' Word is Final - No Exceptions. If disagreements arise, follow RSO instructions. Then take any complaint to the Board of Directors, if so desired. A Range Safety Officer may confiscate a membership card for serious rules infraction. The confiscated membership card may be returned at the next Board of Directors' meeting.
7. Members are required to have their Association membership card and a picture ID in their possession at all times while on the range. Any member or Range Safety Officer can ask a person for his/her membership card and photo identification. These must be produced, no exceptions. Membership card displayed via a clear card pouch and lanyard is preferred while at the range.
8. Giving the gate code to anyone- including family members, is grounds for loss of membership. All padlock combinations will be reset to "0000: immediately after opening.
9. Stop and wait for gate to close after entering and when exiting the property.
10. Speed limit is 5 mph on the Association property, a "dustless speed".
11. Always sign in after entering the property at all ranges you use, sign out when leaving.
12. Sign in first, then unload equipment and firearms only while the range is HOT; members actively engaged in shooting on that range. Do not handle any equipment or firearms while a range is COLD, for any reason; shooting stopped, firearms down and possibly people down range.
13. Two guests maximum per member- for more; written permission is required in advance from a Board of Directors member. You are responsible for your guest(s) and you must stay with your guest(s) at all times while on our property, except for trips to the rest rooms. Those 17 years old and under must stay with their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) at all times, even in the primitive camping area.
14. **Juniors Members**, those shooters 8 through 17, must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or an adult with a signed permission slip from their parent or legal guardian. Junior members may not use a rifle, shotgun, handgun or archery without direct supervision of a parent or legal guardian or an adult with a signed permission slip from their parent or legal guardian. Junior members may **not** bring guests, except for their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or an adult with a signed permission slip from their parent or legal guardian.
15. **Youth Members**, 18 to 21, may **not** be in possession of a hand gun unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or an adult with a signed permission slip (EF&GA rule). Youth members may shoot rifle, shotgun and archery without a parent or legal guardian. Youth members may bring two guests to the range with the same provisions as above.
16. Spectators must stay behind the Blue line/ Yellow line or back of the concrete pad.
17. Eye and ear protection required for everyone, including spectators, while in a shooting area. Within 25 feet of the firing line is preferred.
18. No casual shooting beyond of the red shooting line. (All Ranges)
19. Open or concealed carry of any firearm is not permitted on the Association property. Exception: Peace Officers under color of uniform and events sanctioned by the Association. Concealed carry is permitted for those with proper, current concealed carry permits.

20. Rapid fire is not permitted; defined as shots fired faster than one shot every one to two seconds. As defined by the NRA. Causal shooting Range Safety Officer/Master has final decision.
21. The shooter must be in control of his/her firearm at all times. You are responsible for your firearms at all times.
22. All firearms shall be carried unloaded with actions open and pointed in a safe direction.
23. If your firearm is on the ban list and you do not have the paperwork- leave it at home.
24. No tracer, incendiary, explosive, steel jacketed or steel core ammunition is allowed on any of the association ranges.
25. No "long guns", shotguns, or rifles shall be permitted to be used on the pistol range, except for designated events sanctioned by the Association.
26. Handguns are allowed on the 100 yard range at distances of 50 yards and greater. No handguns allowed on the 150 yard range.
27. Shotgun slugs permitted on the rifle ranges but they must impact the backstop.
28. No shooting allowed on the 15 and 25 yard line at the 150 yard range.
29. The unsafe handling of firearms shall be reported as soon as possible to the Range Safety Officer/Master on duty and to the Chief or Assistant Chief Range Safety Officer/Master.
30. Casual shooters must align their shooting position with their designated corresponding target down range to avoid cross lane shooting. Align the shooting position number and corresponding target butt number.
31. Your good attitude is necessary and is appreciated.
32. Be responsible and respect the rules and your fellow members.
33. Emergency Numbers- Posted on Trap Ramada wall and kitchen, by the telephones.
34. Closest fire hydrant is on the South East corner of Lake Wolford Rd and Guejito RD.
35. Evacuation plan is posted in the club house and Trap Ramada.
36. First aid kits are located on the Pistol and Rifle Ranges, in the Trap Ramada and in the Club House. Shovels for fire control are located in front of Trap Ramada, use gate code combination.
37. Fire Extinguishers are located in the Trap Ramada and Club House kitchen.
38. Bullets or shot shells that fail to fire when the firing pin strikes the primer; keep the muzzle of the firearm pointing down range and keep the action closed. Wait a minute or so before removing the bad bullet. Place the bad bullet in one of the red cylinders located on each range. Please do not throw the bad bullets in the trash, on the ground, in the cigar/cigarette receptacle, or in the brass collection buckets.
39. If your firearm malfunctions, keep the muzzle pointed down range, clear the problem or raise your hand and ask for assistance. If the malfunction cannot be cleared, remove the firearm from the range.
40. Any dog on the range must be under control of its handler at all times.
41. Association Members must be current member of the National Rifle Association.

Targets and Their Placement

On the pistol and rifle ranges, one is target centered on the 24 inch by 24 inch target backing recommended - two targets maximum. If using two targets, center them on the 24 inch by 24 inch target backing - **Vertically preferred**. The 24 inch by 24 inch target backing must be at the top of the target frame. Only one target backing is allowed. Check to make sure that bullets will impact the backstop. This can be done by taking aim at the lower target, if two are used, move off the target frame keeping the same horizontal position, shoot one round and see where the bullet impacts. If the bullet does not impact the backstop, do something to make it impact the backstop or do not shoot, please.

The five, seven and ten yard distances on the Pistol Range. Target must be 10 inches square or round maximum (10 inch maximum envelope size for more than one target) and centered on the 24 inch by 24 inch target backing cardboard. The target backing must be at the top of the target frame. **No silhouettes allowed.** Target placement is designed to keep bullets impacting the backstop. Also, check to make sure your bullets make it to the backstop. If you are **not** going to use the last bay with close range shooting, please set up in another bay keeping the close in shooting lanes open for those that wish to use them. The rules are posted nearby and all normal range rules apply; i.e., no rapid fire, no draw from a holster, etc.

Setting the target(s) as noted will assure impacting the back stop and keep from hitting the target frame. Please keep paper targets as far from the target frame as possible.

Regarding targets: A single sheet of "paper" that may have multiple bulls-eyes is considered one target. It must conform to the above statements. No political figures or likeness of any person living or dead. **Paper targets only.** As always, if in doubt about targets, check with the on-duty Range Safety Officer/Master.

Return target frames to their designated area when finished with the shooting session.

Cease Fire and the procedures that must be followed:

Anyone can call a *Cease Fire* at any time; a safety issue, wildlife or human encroachment, etc. When a Cease Fire is called:

- Immediately cease firing (stop shooting), open the action of the firearm and remove the live round if present, remove the magazine if so equipped, place the firearm on the shooting bench with the action open, an OCI (Open Chamber Indicator) is preferred, and with the muzzle pointing down range.
- Move behind the yellow line and wait for instructions.
- If you wish to call a cease fire for target change or set-up, casually and politely check with other shooters on the line and ask for a cease fire in some future time, say 5 minutes. This allows those engaged in shooting to empty a magazine, etc.

Hot and Cold Range Terminology for EF&GA :

- For casual shooting and possibly sanctioned events at Escondido Fish and Game, the terms Hot and Cold are commonly used. After a **cease fire** is called, firearms are unloaded, actions opened, magazines or clips are removed if so equipped and the firearm is placed on the shooting bench with the barrel pointing down range with the action open, an OCI (Open Chamber Indicator) is preferred. Shooters move behind the Yellow Line. When all shooters are off the firing line and behind the yellow line, the range is declared "COLD" and shooters may go down range, non-shooters stay behind the yellow line. *While the range is "COLD", do not handle any firearm, any equipment or load or unload vehicles.* When the range is declared "HOT", shooters move to the firing line in front of the Yellow line and shooting activities can begin. No one advances in front of the red firing line when the range is Hot.
- If you and your guests, if applicable, are the only ones on a range, you control the Hot and Cold conditions. All rules apply.

Archery Range

- Sign in and out at the Pistol Range.
- Crossbows are permitted at the noted distance(s) and target(s). Target tipped arrows only, no hunting type tips, etc.
- No firearms permitted.
- Please clean up and sign out before you leave.

Primitive Camping Area

- Sign in on the green sheet located in the box at the entrance to the area.
- Permission to camp is requested in advance in writing or in e-mail form from the Association Secretary. The Secretary will explain all rules and expectations.
- Follow all posted rules for the primitive area and all ranges.
- Adult supervision of those 17 years and under, is mandatory at all times.

- No firearms permitted.
- Open fires permitted in the fire rings only and supply your own wood
- Use of the permanent BBQ's located in the camping area is permitted.
- Tents or primitive shelter only, no vehicles in camping area other than to unload and load. Vehicle or trailer camping permitted outside of the fence line.
- Please clean up and sign out before you leave.

Trap Ranges

- Sign in first at Trap Ramada. Unload accessory equipment and handle firearms ONLY when the range is HOT. Refer to Cease Fire Procedures and Hot and Cold Terminology sections.
- Eye and ear protection required for everyone, including spectators, while in a shooting area. Within 25 feet of the firing line is preferred.
- Sanctioned trap events held on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday and Saturday afternoon/evenings, until approximately 9:00 p.m.
- For throwing your own targets, check in with the Range Safety Officer/Master on duty before you unload for permission to shoot. Throw your own birds from the manual trap machine located between trap house one and two. Use of your own trap machine is okay and set-up close to the existing trap machine. Manual throwing your own targets is almost always permitted. Be aware of others on the Pistol and the 100 yard rifle ranges that may be down range.
- Maximum of 2 rounds loaded at any time in the shotgun, no Exceptions.
- Please clean up and sign out when you leave.

To Pattern Your Shotgun

Use the patterning stand at the bottom of the back stop between the Pistol Range and the Trap Field. Rules and instructions for use follow.

Pattern Stand Rules and Instructions

- Pistol Range & Trap Range MUST Be Hot
- Shotguns Only
- No Steel Shot Shall Be Used. No shot larger than #4
- Trap Master must approve use during trap functions
- Check with those on the Pistol Range prior to going "down range" to the Patterning Stand.
- **Do not go "down range" to the Patterning Stand when the Pistol Range is HOT**
- Report any malfunction or damage to Trap Master.

Basic Instructions:

- Lift front handle and pull paper down to bottom bar.
- Use clips to hold paper on sides, if windy clip to bottom.
- Use black marker to place a 3" circle in center of paper. The marker is velcroed to bottom of paper holder, please put it back.
- Aim and shoot at the 3" circle.
- There are cement pavers at 30, 35, and 40 yards.
- Unclip and tear paper cleanly at top bar.
- Leave clips on side bars.
- Study your pattern at the tables or Trap Ramada, not in the field.