

**DALLAS PISTOL CLUB
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION,
RANGE RULES AND SAFETY**

New Member's Name _____ Date _____

New members are required to receive this orientation and briefing on range rules and safety, administered by a designated DPC official, prior to shooting (other than during a match or as a guest). New members must read, understand and initial each item below during the orientation.

The new member will be taken on a tour of the facility and the safety rules of each range explained.

During the week (Monday thru Friday) the gate is to be kept locked unless Law Enforcement activity is taking place. In that case, leave the gate as is. On weekends, when a match is scheduled, the match director unlocks the gate and leaves it unlocked until after the match. Otherwise, the gate should be locked.

GENERAL

_____ A. Access to this facility is restricted to:

1. DPC members in good standing.
2. Invited DPC guests accompanied by a member.
3. Law enforcement officers accompanied by an authorized instructor for training.
4. Match competitors for the duration of the match.

_____ B. Shooting hours are from daylight to dark 365 days per year. The Air Gun Range may be used any time. Make sure the lights are out and the heater/air conditioner is off when you leave.

_____ C. Each new member will be furnished a copy of this form and a copy of the current match schedule. The match schedule is to allow use of the range without conflict with regularly scheduled matches and to allow members to attend matches. Matches take priority over practice by members. Check the bulletin board for scheduled Law Enforcement training on the Silhouette range.

_____ D. The City of Carrollton has granted the Club a Special Use Permit that limits the use of the range to members and their guests, and **prohibits**:

1. The firing of shotguns, centerfire rifles of any caliber (including pistol cartridges and black powder cartridge rifles) and automatic weapons or black powder cannons. (Exception: shotguns used during the Tactical Shotgun match, only. No other practice allowed). An approved list of pistol calibers for use at the club is posted in the clubhouse and attached to this document.
2. The firing of any firearm into the water or property adjacent to our property or in any direction other than North.

_____ E. All members using the range must display their membership badge or have their card readily available while on the range. A member must accompany visitors. All guests must read and sign a Liability Release Card each day that can be found in the mailbox outside the Clubhouse door or in the Clubhouse. This must be done even if the guest is only an observer.

_____ F. Guests must, at all times, be under the member's direct supervision whether on the firing line or not. Do not allow guests to wander around on the range. The member is always directly responsible for the conduct of his guests, just as he is responsible for his own conduct. The member should explain DPC Safety Rules to his guests before bringing them to the range. Children should not be brought to the range unless they can be constantly supervised. We strongly suggest no more than three (3) guests per member.

Teaching classes at the Club is prohibited unless specifically approved by the Board.

_____ G. Non-members or trespassers using the range should be reported to the Carrollton Police Department. The phone number is next to the phone in the Clubhouse. Competitors participating in an authorized match who are not DPC members do not have access to, or use of, ranges not being used in the current match.

_____ H. Club bulletin boards: Buy and sell notices may be posted on the left side of the bulletin board. Please date your notices because they will be removed after three months. The right side of the board is for official club notices.

_____ I. The Statistical Office will be locked unless a match is in progress. Paper targets are for sale in the Target Shed. The Honor System is in effect for payment.

_____ J. **This is a volunteer organization. All work is done by volunteers, such as emptying trash, range maintenance and running matches. Members are expected to help as much as possible. Work parties are scheduled on the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. Please come out and help maintain the range. Workers will be compensated with a \$5.00 Work Chit, which may be redeemed as match fees or annual dues.**

_____ K. **No Alcoholic beverages are allowed in the shooting areas at any time.** Alcoholic beverages may be consumed on range property only when the shooter has finished **all** shooting for the day and all of his/her guns are secured.

_____ L. Club members must maintain their NRA membership. Texas State Rifle Association membership is encouraged.

_____ M. Black Powder Muzzle-Loading rifles may be fired on the east end of the Bullseye Range and from the covered firing (100 meter) line on the Silhouette range, only. Black Powder Cartridge Rifles are **NOT** allowed to be fired on any range.

_____ N. New members will receive a gate code (electronic and manual gates). Do not give this code to anyone! Non-members using your gate code will cost you your membership.

RANGE SAFETY

_____ A. Be aware of what others are doing and where they are. Do not go forward of the firing line until it is safe and everyone acknowledges that it is safe.

_____ B. **ALL FIREARMS MUST BE UNLOADED AND BENCHED, BAGGED OR HOLSTERED BEFORE ANYONE GOES DOWN RANGE. DO NOT HANDLE FIREARMS WHILE ANYONE IS DOWN RANGE.**

_____ C. All targets must be placed against a backstop. No targets will be placed on the ground due to the possibility of bullets ricocheting out of the range. Make **sure** your bullets are hitting the backstop.

_____ D. Eye and ear protection are required on all ranges.

_____ E. Do not shoot phone books, bottles, cans, bowling pins/balls, or any breakable target on **any** range. Do not shoot barricades, chairs, barrels, cinderblocks or any other range equipment.

_____ F. All freeform ranges (silhouette and all practical bays) are under the control of the first shooter on the range. This includes the firing line position and cease-fire breaks.

_____ G. Make sure that the range you wish to use is safe. Check the berms and remove any barricades, benches and tables from the firing and impact areas. Any damage to berms or any unsafe condition must be reported to a Director. The names and phone numbers of Club directors are posted next to the phone in the Clubhouse, as well as being listed in the X-Ring.

_____ H. The muzzle of all firearms must remain below the level of the concrete on the berms at all times while shooting. Do not let the muzzle of a loaded firearm point above the dirt in the berms. We

do not want any possibility of a projectile leaving the range property. Unloaded long guns may occasionally be elevated above this level during the course of match preparation or practice.

AIR GUN RANGE

_____ A. **No firearms are allowed in this range.** Targets must be placed in the frames provided. If you operate the air conditioner or heater, please make sure the timer is off when you leave.

_____ B. The use of BB guns in this range is prohibited due to ricochet problems. Do not use high-powered air guns due to the possibility of ricochet, damage to target backstops or penetration of the back wall into the work area behind.

_____ C. Targets placed in the target frames must be run all the way down to the backstop. Do not stop the target carrier part way down the range to shoot at it due to the possibility of projectiles passing through the wall into the work area behind.

SILHOUETTE RANGE

_____ A. Check the bulletin board for scheduled Law Enforcement use.

_____ B. This range is a free-form range that may be used from any distance with the following exceptions:

1. No closer than 10 yards while shooting metal targets.
2. All shooters must shoot from the same distance.
3. All bullets must impact the berm. Do not shoot into the conveyor belt or into the ground below the berm.

_____ C. Rim fire and black powder rifles may be fired on this range. Black powder rifles may only be fired from the covered line at 100 meters.

_____ D. All targets **MUST** be placed against the backstop or on the rail. No target may be placed in such a way that the bullet may strike the ground before reaching the berm.

_____ E. Practice Silhouette and steel plate targets have been placed on this range. The use of any firearm or load that damages these targets is prohibited.

_____ F. Be aware that there are steel pipes set in the ground at the 15 and 25-yard lines for Law Enforcement training. These pipes could damage your tires if you drive over them.

_____ G. Do not hang targets from the baffle support poles or use them for shooting supports.

BULLSEYE RANGE

_____ A. The Bullseye Range **must** be used from the firing line only; do not shoot in front of the concrete.

- All target frames must be placed in the target holders provided on the 25 and 50-yard lines.
- Only one target center/aiming point is allowed per target frame due to the possibility of frame damage (Exception: Rimfire rifle shooters may use targets with multiple aiming points).
- You may use as many frames as space allows without conflicting with other shooters.
- You **must** use a target in a target frame on this range to ensure all bullets strike the berm.
- Rimfire and black powder rifle shooters are restricted to the east end of the Bullseye Range.
- No targets may be placed on the 25 yard berm or on the 50 yard target rail. Do **not** shoot into the 25 yard berm.

_____ B. Observe the proper commands for the range. "CLEAR TO GO DOWN RANGE?" Make certain all firearms are unloaded; do not handle firearms while anyone is down range. Make sure everyone acknowledges this command before going down range. When everyone has returned to the line ask, "IS EVERYONE BACK?"; "CLEAR TO FIRE?" before handling firearms.

TARGET SHED

_____ Target frames must be returned to the target shed after use. If the frame is damaged, place it in the repair area on the left wall. Replace all frames in the racks provided; do not lean them against the wall. Remove any shot up targets and trash and dispose of it in the trashcans or dumpster provided.

POLICE RANGE

This range is closed for member use at this time.

PRACTICAL PISTOL RANGES (Action Bays)

_____ A. The Practical Ranges are located behind the Bullseye Range and may be used at any time a match is not being conducted. The steel plates on all bays may be used for practice. Steel may be moved between bays. Target holders & sticks (cardboard targets are in the white barrels) are in bays.

_____ B. Please do not leave anything on these ranges. Pick up your trash and dispose of it in the trashcans. Please pick up all CCI and unreloadable brass and dispose of it in trashcans.

_____ C. When shooting in the action bays, you must shoot from within the concrete walls (north of the red steel posts). Do not shoot from the road or from any position where you can see into another bay or see shooters in other bays. Do not shoot in any direction other than to the north. No shots may impact either the concrete walls or the dirt berms on the east or west of each bay.

FIREARM HANDLING AND TRANSPORT

_____ A. DPC operates as a cold range at all times: That means **all** firearms must be empty, with hammer down, and magazine out except on a firing line.

_____ B. If you have a Concealed Handgun License and are carrying a loaded firearm when you arrive at the range, the firearm must either be secured in your vehicle or unloaded as soon as safely possible on one of the ranges.

_____ C. During matches, firearm handling or loading may begin only upon instruction from the Range Officer.

_____ D. Empty firearms may be transported via holster, shooter's bag, box, pistol rug, or carrying case anywhere on DPC property.

_____ E. Firearms are to remain in the holster, bag, box, etc. unless on the firing line or in the safe area. **No ammunition is allowed in the safe area between the Clubhouse and Airgun building.**

_____ F. Firearms may not be handled when anyone is down-range. All firearms must be unloaded before anyone goes down-range.

_____ G. Never point a firearm above the dirt berm.

COURTESY AND CONFRONTATION

_____ Any violence, threat of violence, or continuation of an unsafe practice will not be tolerated.

RANGE PRIORITIES

_____ A. DPC approved and scheduled matches and Law Enforcement training take precedence over individual practice at all times.

_____ B. The Bullseye Range will be left open for practice during matches (except during scheduled Bullseye matches).

_____ C. When the entire range must be closed for a major match or Championship, a notice will be posted in the Clubhouse and/or in the X-Ring, when possible.

TARGETS

_____ A. Frame mounted paper targets and steel targets are approved for use on DPC ranges. Only one target per metal frame (except for rimfire rifle practice) is allowed, and targets and frames must be returned to storage after use.

_____ B. All targets must be placed close to and in front of North Berms so bullets will impact the dirt berms. Function testing requires the use of a target to ensure the bullets strike the dirt berms.

_____ C. Ten (10) yards is the minimum range for shooting at steel targets.

_____ D. Do not use any load or bullet that damages target equipment. Do not use ammunition that deforms steel targets.

_____ E. Shooting at cans, bottles, telephone books or anything other than approved targets is not permitted. Shooting at chairs, barricades, cinderblocks or other range equipment is prohibited.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

_____ Eye and ear protection is required on all ranges for all shooters and spectators. Wear eye and ear protection whenever anyone is shooting, but especially around steel targets due to back-splatter.

HOLSTERS USED IN COMPETITION

_____ Holsters used in competition must be of appropriate design for the firearm. A proper gun belt must be used in conjunction with a holster. All holsters used in competition are subject to Match Director approval.

FIREARM MALFUNCTION

_____ In the event of any unsafe condition, CEASE FIRING IMMEDIATELY!! – must be acknowledged by everyone on that range.

1. Examples of unsafe firearm malfunctions:

a. Semi-autos:

1. Hammer follows slide to battery.
2. Firearm fires more than once for each pull of trigger (Goes “full-auto”).
3. Safety fails to engage.
4. Firearm fires before slide/bolt is fully locked up.
5. Any breakage of a part or parts that disables the firearm or any safety device on the firearm.

b. Revolvers:

1. Excessive lead spitting.
2. Cylinder fails to lock into frame properly.

3. Do not use the firearm again until it has been repaired and returned to a safe condition.

DANGEROUS AMMUNITION

_____ Ammunition ruled unsafe by a Range Officer, Match Director or Club Official cannot be fired at DPC. This will include excessive pressure, reversed primers, split cases, repeated jams, and squib rounds that fail to exit the muzzle. Squibs must be removed under the supervision of a Range Officer or Match Director (if during a match), otherwise, in a safe area and direction so as not to endanger others. The use of any ammunition that damages match equipment is prohibited. Only approved cartridges may be fired (see **current** list in the Clubhouse).

NEW COMPETITORS

_____ A. A new competitor is anyone (member or non-member) who is:

1. Competing at DPC for the first time.
2. Competing in a particular type of match for the first time.
3. Unsure or is seeking additional instruction and supervision.

_____ B. New competitors are required to identify themselves to the Match Director at registration and to each Range Officer when called to the firing line.

FIRING LINE DURING MATCHES

_____ Each range has one identifiable firing line at any given time. In some matches, i.e. Bullseye, the firing line remains constant throughout the match. In other matches, the firing line may change during the match. The line is "hot" when a shooter's firearm is loaded. It is "cold" or "clear" when the Range Officer declares it so. No one can cross the firing line until it is declared "cold" or "clear" and the Range Officer gives permission to go downrange.

FUNCTION TESTING, DRY FIRING AND PRACTICE DRAWS

_____ A. Function testing with live ammo must be under the direct supervision of the Range Officer during competition.

_____ B. During individual practice, function testing must be done on a firing line, in a safe direction, and with no one forward of the firing line.

_____ C. Practice draws and dry firing with an empty firearm are permitted only on the firing line. During competition, practice draws and dry firing are allowed only under the direct supervision of the Range Officer.

SHOOTER ERROR DURING MATCHES

_____ Accidental discharge, dropping a firearm, breaking the 180-degree line, failure to remove the finger from the trigger guard during movement or reloading and the shooter covering himself or others during gun handling and elevating the muzzle above the concrete walls are major shooter errors and are violations of DPC range rules. Infraction of these rules during competition will result in immediate disqualification from the match.

SAFE HANDLING ZONE

_____ No ammunition, live or dummy, may be loaded or handled in safe handling zones. When handling the firearm, the shooter must face the designated berm. Unattended firearms placed on the table must have the action open, magazine out and be pointed toward the berm. The primary safe handling zone is between the Clubhouse and Air Gun Building. No live ammunition is allowed in this area. During matches, the Match Director or Range Officer may designate additional safe handling zones.

MATCH RULES

_____ When participating in match competition, you must abide by the match rules as well as the range safety rules. In the event of overlap or conflict, match rules will prevail. Each type of competition will have its own rules. The competitor is required to familiarize himself with those rules before competing.

PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

_____ A. Penalties for safety rule violations during match competition may include immediate disqualification from the match. Enforcement authority and responsibility is assigned to the Range Officer and to the Match Director.

_____ B. At all other times, any DPC member noticing a safety violation should inform the individual of the rule being violated and ask him to conform to DPC safety rules. If a serious violation, the Board should be notified of the name of the member and the infraction.

_____ C. If the violator refuses to follow DPC safety rules, the member may make a complaint to the Board for appropriate penalties. Penalties may include loss of range privileges for a specific period of time or expulsion from Club membership. Enforcement authority and responsibility are assigned to the Board of Directors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

_____ A. The Club is governed by a Board of Directors, which has the authority to add, amend or modify any of these rules. Notice of rule changes will be published in the X-Ring Newsletter.

_____ B. The Club holds a monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse (**Exception: December. Annual Meeting-1st Sunday**). All members are welcome to attend.

_____ C. Any questions regarding Club rules, any unsafe condition of the range or violation of the rules by any member, guest or competitor should be brought to the attention of the Board. This can be done either by contacting a Board member directly (phone numbers are posted in the Clubhouse and in the X-Ring) or at the monthly meeting.

REMEMBER: SAFETY IS YOUR DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY. ANY UNSAFE ACT MUST BE CORRECTED IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU NOTICE AN UNSAFE RANGE CONDITION, NOTIFY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

INTERNATIONAL RANGE (South of the Clubhouse):

This range is used only for 4-H airgun practice and matches. It is not for the use of ANY firearms. Report any shooting activity in this area to the Carrollton Police Department.

REMEMBER! RANGE SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS.
DO NOT BE EMBARRASSED TO CORRECT SOMEONE.

The member will be issued a badge, Clubhouse key and Air Gun Range key, if he desires one. Fill out a **GATE CODE** form for the member and give him the small portion with the number at the bottom of the sheet. The remainder of the form should be put in the safe for code validation. Retain the upper portion of the New Member form, signed, dated and attached to this signed NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AND RANGE RULES AND SAFETY document. The new member will receive a copy of this NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AND RANGE RULES AND SAFETY document and a match schedule.

This form is to be used only as an indoctrination and orientation for a new member of the Dallas Pistol Club. It is not intended to be an evaluation of a member's actual shooting ability or safety. The member is both primarily and ultimately responsible for his or her safety and the safety of their guests.

Signature of new member

Signature of Range Officer

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS November 7, 2007.

APPROVED CALIBERS FOR USE AT DPC

The following calibers are the only calibers approved for use at DPC. Unless specifically approved, no bottleneck cartridges are allowed. No shotguns may be shot at The Club unless during an approved Shotgun Match. Calibers that are interchangeable with rifles may only be fired through a handgun (except 22 Rifle):

17 HMR & Mach II	8mm Nambu
22 Rimfire	9 x 19 mm
22 Magnum	9mm Largo
	9mm Makarov
25 Auto	9 x 25 mm
270 Ren	10 mm
30 Carbine	
30 Luger	
30 Mauser	
7.62 x 25 mm	
32 Auto	
32 S&W Long	
32 H&R Mag.	
32-20	
357 Magnum	
357 (Sig) Auto	
38 Special	
38 Super	
38-45	
380 ACP	
40 S&W	
40 Super	
400 Corbon	
41 AE	
41 Magnum	
44 Magnum	
44 Special	
44-40	
45 ACP	
45 GAP	
45 Long Colt	
45 Super	