

Shotgun Range Procedures

1. Safety is of prime importance. Keep all loaded guns pointed in a safe direction (between the houses).
2. Hearing and eye protection is mandatory.
3. Do not load your gun until on the shooting pad. Never load more than two (2) shells unless authorized by the range officer. When not on the shooting pad, keep the bolt open on an automatic or pump, break open an over/under or side by side.
4. The maximum load allowed is 3¼ dram equivalent. The maximum shot size allowed is # 7½.
5. Clay targets are the only things to be shot at except the patterning board located near field #5. No live birds, animals, or other objects will be used as a target. Do not use slugs on the patterning board.
6. Grand Prairie city ordinance and club bylaws prohibit alcoholic beverages on club property. The use of firearms by anyone under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances is prohibited. Failure to conform can result in the loss of the club's permit to operate and subject the offender to suspension or expulsion from the club.
7. Members are responsible for their children and guests and must supervise them at all times. Members will be held responsible for their own conduct and the conduct of their guests while on the field.
8. Shooters and guests must register on the sign-in sheet in the clubhouse. Shooters must pay for all rounds (25 targets) of skeet or trap shot and will be responsible to see that their guests pay the appropriate guest fee. The current rates for members and guests are listed near the sign-in sheet.
9. GPGC does not furnish employees to load houses and pull targets. Shooters that do not know how to load the machines must seek instruction from the range officer. Shooters should be aware that the machines can hurt the person loading them and can also be damaged by improper operation. BE SAFE FIRST. The last squad of the day will roll up the cord (hang on rack in low house), turn off power to the trap machine, and release the spring on the arm of the machine.
10. Use caution when walking beyond the skeet houses to load a trap house, adjust targets, or pick up hulls. Stay alert to people that may be shooting at stations 1, 7, and 8 on other fields. Please stay back out of their line of fire until they are finished shooting.
11. Help keep the range clean. Pick up all hulls when finished shooting so the mowers do not run over them. Place all trash in the barrels provided. Neatly stack all empty target boxes together and leave them in the houses or in the fenced area near the target trailer. The range officer will handle their disposal.
12. The shotgun range is open on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons after 1 PM and Monday evenings after 5 PM. GPGC holds monthly skeet and trap shoots and all members are invited to participate. The club shoots are held on Sunday and on occasion a two day shoot will be held. A calendar is posted on the bulletin board showing the dates of the monthly club shoots.
13. Restrooms are located in the center section of the clubhouse and under the high house on Field #1. They are unlocked when the range officer is on duty. Be alert and do not interfere with shooters on the adjacent fields when entering or leaving the restrooms on Field #1. Vending machines and a water dispenser are provided in the clubhouse.