

Official Rules of THE PHARR RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB

1) **Safety first!**

- 2) All club members must also be members in good standing of the National Rifle Association.
- 3) NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES or mood altering DRUGS, legal or not, are allowed. This includes sealed beverage containers locked inside a vehicle. This includes over the counter sinus medications. If you shouldn't be operating heavy machinery, you shouldn't be shooting.
- 4) Bring beverages in plastic or metal cans, no glass.
- 5) Garbage is not a target. Only established targets are allowed. Paper, cardboard and such.
- 6) Steel targets must have a perfectly flat surface. Any ding or dimple in a steel target will disqualify that target from being used on the PRPC range.
- 7) Steel targets may be engaged no closer than eight yards.
- 8) Steel targets must be placed in a manner where missed shots bounce no more than eight feet into the berm AND impact the berm no higher than five feet from the top.
- 9) Ricochets are not allowed under any circumstances. If more than one ricochet is heard coming from the same firearm, the shooter must stop and move targets or shooting position as many times as needed for the ricochets to stop.
- 10) You are responsible for your own trash. Trash barrels are provided. If the trash barrel is 30 feet away, walk the 30 feet.
- 11) No fully automatic weapons may be used.
- 12) Any club member can ask to see a member's card and/or gate key at any time while on range property. As a club member, you are also a safety officer. You may question anyone's safety at anytime on the range. They may question your safety.
- 13) You MAY NOT handle a firearm if anyone is positioned in front of you. You may argue about it all that you wish...but you will argue safely.
- 14) The range is open for shooting from sunup to sundown. You may NOT shoot at night. Period.
- 15) No one may use the range for any type of organized shooting event without the approval of the Club. Instructors are responsible for their own liability insurance. This includes those wishing to teach classes for free. All instructors have the authority to dismiss any student for unsafe or disruptive behavior.
- 16) You must adhere to the 180 rule. Failure to do so will be considered an offense requiring serious action.
- 17) The front gate will remain locked at all times, except during club matches and functions. Close and lock gate behind you when entering or leaving. Gate keys also unlock the restroom doors. Relock after use.

18) You are responsible for where your firearm's muzzle is pointed. Imagine that a laser comes out of your gun's barrel. Whatever that laser touches gets burned. *You must never allow any part of anyone's body to come in front of your gun's muzzle. No one but YOU is responsible.* Unattended firearms must have their breeches locked open. Unless you are actually shooting, you WILL keep your finger off the trigger.

19) Your range key may NOT be lent to anyone. This includes relatives. You may only have two guests with you on the range. Your guests MAY NOT inconvenience the paying membership. You may not leave your guests alone. They are your responsibility. You must see that they have eye and ear protection. **NOTE:** *Our insurance covers the Club and members. Our insurance does not insure guests.* Guests come to our range at their own risk. Tell them.

20) Unsafe behavior will not be tolerated! You will be warned once. The second offense will see you escorted off the range and your key will be confiscated.

21) Destruction of private property is not allowed. Police will be called for any serious infraction.

22) Eye and ear protection is mandatory at all times when anyone is firing in your range area. Even the lowly .22 will damage your hearing over time. Flying debris in the eye can make you flinch while shooting.

23) No fired bullet may leave range property.

24) No gun is unloaded, treat them all the same.

25) Absolutely **no one** is allowed to climb the dirt berms. Bullets fly into the berms. Keep your children elsewhere. If you feel that you can't shoot and watch your children at the same time, then listen to your feelings. They are correct.

26) When there are others shooting on the same range with you...you are **required** to warn them to put on ear protection before you shoot...and you are **required** to ask if they would lay down their guns before you go downrange to check or paste targets.

27) Failure to obey any or all of these rules may lead to loss of your range key, loss of membership or an unpleasant encounter with the local police.

28) Remember! You deserve a safe shooting environment. Demand it from yourself and from everybody else.

29) Duly appointed Range Safety Officers have the right to seize range keys from any member who has demonstrated unsafe behavior to the point of causing possible harm to others.

30) Members who have had their key seized must attend the next scheduled Club business meeting to plead their case. An open ballot of voting members will then decide final action. Arrangements must be made in advance in case of scheduling conflicts.

Range Etiquette

**You MUST follow all of the rules on the other side of this page...
The following list is what you SHOULD do to be considered safe.**

1) LEAVE YOUR MACHO AT HOME. Don't be what is commonly known as a "*wanna be*". Those with little or no firearms knowledge...or those whose firearms knowledge is limited to '*movie magic*' would be best advised not to strut their ignorance at the range. The little wimp next to you might turn out to be a Master IPSC shooter.

2) COME PREPARED. Here's a list of what you will need for an enjoyable range session...

* Your gun with correct ammo.

* Targets, target pasters and a staple gun or tape.

* Eye and ear protection for everyone in your group.

* A roll of toilet tissue. (*hey, you never know*)

3) DON'T BE INCONSIDERATE. We all have to use the same range and often we have to use it together. Be considerate of others and they will be considerate of you.

* Call out "EARS" to warn others to put on ear muffs before you start shooting.

* Always ask if others are ready for you to go downrange to check or paste up targets.

* Put your trash in the garbage cans.

4) PICK UP YOUR BRASS. This has got to be one of the biggest pains of shooting. When you are through shooting, pick up your empty shell casings to take home for reloading or to dump in the trash.

5) WATCH THE STUPID MUZZLES !!! It is very rude NOT to safety check your guns when talking to others. You MUST show your fellow shooters that you are a reasonable and safe person. People tend to run away from those who carry on conversations while holding a gun and not watching where the muzzle is pointed. This is not only dangerous, it is one of the key signs of a new and unsafe shooter.

6) CONSIDER THE RANGE A BIRD AND ANIMAL SANCTUARY. Except for pesky insects, you may not kill any living thing on range property. (*Wait until you are at the range during a bug invasion.*) Lizards and birds eat pesky insects. Lizards and birds are our friends.

7) Remember that: A FIREARM HAS NO MIND OF ITS OWN. There is no such thing as "*the gun went off by itself*". If that happens, it can only mean that you were negligent and not in control. The gun is a piece of wood and/or polymer and steel. No firearm will ever be able to make a decision. You get to do all of the thinking.

8) Remember that: A FIRED BULLET CAN NEVER BE RECALLED. Once you pull the trigger and the bullet leaves the barrel...there is nothing that can ever be done to take the bullet back. You can always be sorry for saying the wrong thing. You can take back your words. This does not work with bullets. You shoot something and it stays shot...forever.

9) Remember that: MORE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO SHOOTING BY A FRIEND WITH A .22 THAN ANY OTHER WAY.

Most new shooters don't like recoil. Heck, most experienced shooters don't like recoil. Take a friend shooting. Bring them to the range, warn them of the rules, and let them shoot a .22. The rest will be history.

10) TO SHOOT MORE ACCURATELY, USE A SMALLER TARGET AT A LONGER RANGE. No, we're not crazy. However, it's true. Start with a big target up close. Then use a smaller target up close. Then use the smaller target further away. Take your time and you'll surprise yourself. Forget movie fantasy, if you want accuracy you have to work for it.