



## **Brock's Gap Training Center Safety and Range Rules**

### **Cooper's Four Rules of Gun Safety**

- All guns are always loaded.
- Never let the muzzle cover anything you are not prepared to destroy.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target.
- Be sure of your target and what's behind it.

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## **A. INTRODUCTION**

It is the responsibility of members and guests to understand and follow all Brock's Gap Training Center (BGTC) rules. Failure to follow the rules listed in this document will result in disciplinary proceedings as outlined in the by-laws. Discipline can range from suspension to revocation of membership. Safety is each member's responsibility and must be their FIRST PRIORITY. These rules are intended to provide a safe environment for everyone's shooting enjoyment. Members are encouraged to work with other members and guests who display a lack of understanding or are in violation of a rule. Coaching between members is encouraged and will result in a better experience for everyone.

These rules apply to all members and guests using BGTC for normal use. These rules may be adapted as described in the appendices by Match Directors, Approved Trainers, and/or Law Enforcement Training Supervisors to meet the needs of these special events.

Any BGTC Director, Officer, Match Director, Range Safety Officer, or Trainer has the authority to take immediate action as necessary to maintain safe conditions on BGTC property.

BGTC is member owned. Members are encouraged to work together to keep the Center a safe place to enjoy shooting sports with family and friends. All members are expected to display good sportsmanship in the cooperative use of the facilities. Proper attention should be given to keeping the ranges safe, clean, and presentable at all times.

## **B. GENERAL RULES**

### **1. Hours of Operation**

- a. No person may discharge any firearm before 9:00AM or after 9:00PM Central time.
- b. The entrance gate is programmed to grant access for general membership between the hours of 9:00AM and 8:30PM Central time. All members must exit the property before 9:00PM, when both entrance and exit gates will lock.

### **2. Concealed Carry**

- a. BGTC allows CONCEALED carry of a pistol (loaded or unloaded) on BGTC property so long as such carry is consistent with Alabama Law and all BGTC safety rules.
- b. Any handling of the concealed pistol on BGTC property must be on a HOT range firing line with the muzzle pointing down range.

### **3. Operating Rules**

- a. The entrance gates to BGTC property will remain locked except as directed by the Range Operation Officer. Unless the gate is locked open for an event, all members entering or exiting the Center shall ensure the gate is closed and secure. Gate problems must immediately be reported to the Range Operation Officer or a Board Member.
- b. Handicap Parking will remain available for members or guests with Handicap Parking permits.
- c. No alcohol, alcoholic beverage containers, or illegal drugs are allowed on BGTC property. Persons under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or prescription drugs that impair mental alertness, or physical response shall not be allowed on BGTC property.
- d. No fires are permitted on the property without authorization of the Range Operation Officer.
- e. Bulletin boards are for official BGTC business. No one may post, alter or remove notices without the approval of the Range Operations Officer.
- f. Drums, barricades, stage props, or other BGTC property shall not be used as target stands.
- g. Do not move shooting benches from their designated locations.
- h. Do not move targets, props, barricades, and other items set up for a match or special event.
- i. Do not remove any property of BGTC without permission of the Range Operation Officer.
- j. Do not leave personal property on BGTC grounds without the approval of the Board of Directors. Personal property left without permission for longer than 48 hours will be deemed abandoned and will be subject to removal without notice.
- k. Do not release, trap, harass, injure, hunt and/or shoot wildlife on BGTC property.
- l. Personally owned vehicles may not be driven onto any of the ranges without prior authorization from the Range Operations Officer.
- m. Shotgun hulls must be cleaned up and removed after shooting.

### **4. Member Conduct**

- a. Members will always wear their membership badge in plain view when on BGTC property and will show the badge to anyone that requests to see it.
- b. Members approved to shoot on special use ranges will wear their special use badge in plain view at all times when using said special use ranges.
- c. Members will be held responsible for any damage and/or destruction of BGTC property that they cause.

**5. Guests, Minors, and Pets**

- a. Guests include all non-members, whether they are shooting or not, including family members.
- b. All guests must be accompanied by a member.
- c. Members are permitted (4) four shooting guests on weekdays and (2) two shooting guests on weekends. Spouse and dependent children are not counted against these numbers.
- d. Members must ensure that each guest completes an electronic release form by scanning the posted QR code and completing the form online. Each guest must complete a waiver each time they visit BGTC.
- e. Guests are subject to the same rules as members. Members will ensure that their guests are informed of and abide by the rules.
- f. Guests must remain on the same range as the host member.
- g. If a member's guest violates BGTC rules and/or damages BGTC property, then BGTC may expel that member from BGTC and may refuse to allow the member to re-apply for membership in BGTC.
- h. All minors under the age of 19 shall be under the strict and immediate supervision of a responsible adult member.
- i. Minors are not permitted to handle a firearm unless they are under close supervision of an adult member.
- j. Minors are not permitted to leave the immediate area of the supervising adult.
- k. Pets are not permitted on BGTC property.

**6. Firearms, Ammunition, and Holsters**

- a. Only firearms that are legally owned and can be safely fired from the hand or shoulder are permitted at BGTC.
- b. No firearm shall be discharged on BGTC property except on a designated firing line of an established range and in such a manner that the bullet will impact a berm.
- c. All firearms must be in safe operating condition.
- d. All firearms shall fire only safe ammunition.
- e. All firearms must have an appropriate aiming device.
- f. Incendiary, armor piercing, and tracer ammunition of any kind is prohibited.
- g. Green tip, M855, and other ammunition with a penetrator is prohibited. All projectiles fired at BGTC must be non-magnetic.
- h. .50 BMG firearms are prohibited.
- i. Holsters, such as the Blackhawk Serpa, using retention that must be released with the index finger are prohibited at BGTC unless the retention device has been disabled or removed.
- j. No-one shall handle firearms or equipment belonging to another unless invited to do so by the owner.

**7. Full Auto and Mechanically Assisted Firearms**

- a. Fully automatic, burst fire, bump/slide fire, binary triggers, or mechanically assisted rapid fire, such as forced reset triggers, etc., is prohibited.

**8. Targets**

- a. The only permitted targets are paper, appropriate steel, plastic water/soda/milk bottles, and clay birds.
- b. Prohibited targets include explosive material, flammable liquids, compressed gas, glass, paint cans, hard objects (e.g., bowling pins, etc.).
- c. Clay targets must be placed so that bullets impact a terminal berm or used on ranges that allow aerial targets.
- d. Shooters are responsible for cleaning up their targets before leaving the range.

**9. Steel Targets**

- a. Eye protection is required for all shooters and guests on ranges where steel targets are being engaged at 100 yards or closer.
- b. All steel targets must have a smooth surface. Steel targets with pocks, craters, surface deformations, or cracks must not be shot. Such targets must be retired and immediately removed from the range.
- c. Appropriate steel targets may be placed no closer than:
  - 7 yards for pistols and rifles firing pistol caliber, standard velocity (<1,200fps) ammunition and shotguns firing birdshot size 7 or smaller.
  - 50 yards for pistols firing magnum ammunition, shotguns firing lead slugs, and equivalent muzzle loading and black powder substitutes.
  - 100 yards for pistols and rifles firing rifle caliber, standard velocity (1,200 - 3,100 fps) ammunition and rifle caliber subsonic cartridges such as 300 Blackout.
- d. Steel targets must be placed to ensure missed shots impact a berm.
- e. Steel targets should be set to deflect bullet fragments down or away from the shooter or other activity at the range. It is the shooter's responsibility to consider steel target placement and minimize splatter and ricochets from landing in other areas of the range.
- f. No center-fire pistol or rifle ammunition may be used on steel targets manufactured specifically for rim-fire ammunition.

**10. Photo and Video**

- a. No photographs or videos produced or recorded on BGTC property may be published or otherwise transmitted or shared without the express written approval of the Board of Directors. This prohibition includes publishing or sharing in newspapers, magazines, advertisements, television, the internet, social media or any other electronic media.
- b. This prohibition shall not apply to any BGTC member or guest who produces or records photographs or videos on BGTC property for personal use so long as said photographs and videos are not published or otherwise disseminated to the public as being official BGTC communications.

## C. RANGE SAFETY

### 1. General Safety Rules

- a. No one is permitted on the berms of any range.
- b. No member or guest will place themselves in an area that is not safe.
- c. Except for concealed carry firearms, all firearms must be unloaded and securely cased prior to entering or leaving the BGTC facility.
- d. Firearms not on the firing line must be in a safe condition; unloaded, magazine out, safety on, and holstered or cased.
- e. Law enforcement personnel are permitted to openly carry a loaded and holstered pistol when in uniform or openly displaying their badge for proper identification.
- f. Firearms not in a holster or case must be in a safe condition; unloaded, action or cylinder open, magazine out, safety on.
- g. Shooters are required to use an Empty Chamber Indicator for any firearm not in a holster or case when the action cannot be locked open.
- h. Firearms being moved to or from a firing line must be pointed in a safe direction either downrange or muzzle up.
- i. Shooters must remove all firearms and equipment when leaving the firing line for any extended period.

### 2. Cold Range Rules

- a. BGTC operates a COLD range.
- b. When the range is COLD no-one may touch a firearm.
- c. When the range is COLD, ALL FIREARMS must be in a safe condition; unloaded, action or cylinder open, magazine out, safety on.
- d. Firearms may be brought to the firing line of a cold range only if they are in a case.
- e. Anyone may issue a CEASE FIRE command at any time.
- f. When shooters hear the CEASE FIRE command, they must immediately stop shooting, place all firearms on the firing line with muzzle pointed down range, step away from the firing line and await further instructions.
- g. No person may go downrange until the range is called COLD and all shooters acknowledge the range is COLD.
- h. No firearm is to be touched or removed until the range is called HOT.
- i. Multiple users on a range must coordinate and communicate calling the range HOT and COLD.

## D. GENERAL USE RANGE RULES

### **1. Range A**

- a. Allowed firearms and ammunition; handguns and rifles firing pistol caliber ammunition only.
- b. Only the steel targets provided by BGTC may be used. Members are NOT permitted to place any additional targets on the range.
- c. This range is for fixed position firing from behind the bench placed on each bay.

### **2. Range B**

- a. Allowed firearms and ammunition; black powder firearms, handguns and rifles firing rim-fire or center-fire ammunition; shotguns firing shot loads and slugs.
- b. No aerial shooting allowed.
- c. This range is for fixed position firing from the benches placed on each bay and has a maximum depth of 50 yards.

### **3. Range C**

- a. Allowed firearms and ammunition; black powder firearms, handguns and rifles firing rim-fire or center-fire ammunition; shotguns firing shot loads and slugs.
- b. No aerial shooting allowed.
- c. This range is for fixed position firing from the defined firing line and has a maximum depth of 100 yards.
- d. The 100-yard firing line shall be an imaginary line between red poles at each side of the bay and coinciding with the down range edge of the shooting benches where present. All shooting must be from immediately up range of this line.

### **4. Range D**

- a. Allowed firearms and ammunition; black powder firearms, and rifles firing rim-fire or center-fire ammunition; shotguns firing shot loads and slugs.
- b. This range is for fixed position firing from the defined firing line and has a maximum depth of 270 yards.
- c. All shooting must be from the benches. No prone, standing, or positional shooting.
- d. All center-fire rifle targets must be placed at 100 yards or greater from the benches.
- e. All targets must be at a height where rounds will impact the back berm.
- f. No propping targets on the railroad ties.
- g. No aerial shooting allowed.
- h. Driving personal vehicles is allowed on this range, but all vehicles must remain on the road on the right side of the range.
- i. On the first and third Friday of each month, this range is for shotgun use only.
  - Aerial targets are permitted.
  - Shooting from in front of the firing line is permitted.

**5. Range K**

- a. Allowed firearms and ammunition; handguns and rifles firing rim-fire or center-fire ammunition; shotguns firing shot loads.
- b. No aerial shooting allowed.
- c. K Range is designed for 180-degree firing. 180-degree firing is defined as an imaginary line at the shooter's feet parallel to the terminal berm. This line will move up and down range with the shooter. The shooters muzzle must not point up range of this line.
- d. The maximum up range firing line for each bay on K Range shall be an imaginary line between red poles at each side of the bay. All shooting must be down range of this line.
- e. There is no shooting from within the shelters.
- f. Target placement must be such that all projectiles impact a terminal or side berm of the bay in which it was fired.
- g. Bays set up for matches must not be adjusted in any way. Targets, barrels, walls, props, etc. must not be moved.
- h. Only one shooter is permitted to engage in 180-degree shooting in each bay at any one time.
- i. Bays must be cleaned up after use with all props, stands, sticks, etc. placed back in their proper storage area and all cardboard, targets, etc. placed in a dumpster, not in trash cans.

**6. Range I (Shotgun)**

- a. Allowed firearms and ammunition: Shotguns firing #7 sized, or smaller, lead-shot at clay targets or the steel gong. No rifles or pistols may be shot on Range I.
- b. This range will be used for shooters desiring to shoot moving clay targets.
- c. Firing at aerial targets is only allowed from established shooting gates.
- d. Firing line for the gong is moveable from the shooting gate positions to the gong with a minimum distance of 10 yards. Steel gong is to be used to pattern shot loads fired from shotguns only. No slugs, steel-shot or buckshot allowed.

## E. SPECIAL USE RANGE RULES

### 1. Range H

- a. Hours of operation
  - Monday – 11:00am to 9:00pm
  - Tuesday-Sunday – 9:00am to 9:00pm
- b. Allowed firearms – Rifles, Centerfire, Black Powder, Rimfire, Shotguns, Pistols.
- c. No aerial shooting allowed.
- d. This range is for fixed position firing from the defined firing line and has a maximum depth of 1,400 yards.
- e. The 1,400-yard firing line shall be an imaginary line between red poles at each side of the range and coinciding with the down range edge of the shooting benches. All shooting must be from immediately up range of this line.
- f. H range may only be used by H range certified members and their guests.
- g. Members must wear or display their H range badge while on the range.
- h. Members are not allowed to go down range for any reason unless the range is COLD.
- i. Only Match Directors, range maintenance personnel, and Long-Range RSOs may call the range cold or closed for maintenance.
- j. The Long-Range RSO, MD or Range Maintenance Personnel must remain at the shooting pad while the range is cold.
- k. Only BGTC placed targets are allowed to be shot on H range. No member targets.
- l. Shooters intending to engage targets beyond 1,000 yards must confirm their zero on either the 100- or 200-yard targets, then successfully engage the 600-yard core target before engaging further.
- m. .50BMG and all cartridges based on the 50BMG case are strictly forbidden. Cartridge case head dimension over .588" (e.g., .375/408 Cheytac, 33XC, etc.) require the approval of a Long-Range Committee member. These rifles must be zeroed on paper at 100 yards and may not engage targets at distances under 600 yards.

## F. APPENDICES

### 1. Appendix 1 - Match Rules

- a. All matches must be conducted under the supervision of a Match Director. An assistant may be assigned to occasionally cover in the event of the MD's absence.
- b. Match Directors must be members in good standing of BGTC.
- c. Match Directors operating matches under a sanctioning organization, (e.g., USPSA, IDPA, SASP, SASS, etc.) must meet the qualification requirements for match directors as specified by the sanctioning organization.
- d. Match Directors must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- e. Match Directors are responsible for all aspects of their match including match safety, and proper set-up and tear-down.
- f. Except for operating rules (B.3), rules covering firearms, ammunition, and holsters (B.6), full auto (B.7), and targets (B.8 & B.9), match directors are authorized to adjust range rules, if they can do so safely, to accommodate the needs of their match.
- g. Match Directors operating matches under a sanctioning organization must follow the rules published by the sanctioning organization.
- h. Match Directors **not** operating matches under a sanctioning organization must submit a set of rules for their match for approval by the chief match director and to be published on the BGTC website. Rules for matches of this type must be reviewed annually.
- i. A safety brief must be delivered to all competitors prior to the start of the match.
- j. Competitors and spectators must remain at the range designated for the match they are attending unless they are accompanied by a member.

## 2. Appendix 2 - Trainer Rules

- a. This section applies to trainers who wish to conduct training for compensation on BGTC property or reserve BGTC facilities for training purposes.
- b. Trainers must be approved by the BGTC Chief Training Officer and the BGTC Board prior to conducting training on BGTC property. Trainers will initially operate under a probationary period during which they will be observed by an approved member of the board and/or the Chief Training Officer.
- c. Each course to be conducted under the conditions in this section must also be approved by the Chief Training Officer.
- d. Trainers must maintain a professional liability policy of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00). This policy must name Brock's Gap Training Center, Inc. as an additional insured.
- e. Approved trainers must remain current on all applicable training certifications and must maintain some form of BGTC approved first aid/trauma training or certification.
- f. Approved trainers may reserve K range bays 22-24 for training with the approval of the Chief Training Officer. K range bays set for matches may be reserved with the approval of the Chief Training Officer and the appropriate Match Director.
- g. BGTC has waived the cold range rule for students in advanced classes under the direct supervision of an approved trainer.
- h. Except for operating rules (B.3), rules covering firearms, ammunition, and holsters (B.6), full auto (B.7), and targets (B.8 & B.9), approved trainers are authorized to adjust range rules, if they can do so safely, to accommodate the needs of their training.
- i. BGTC Directors and RSOs staff may not be prevented from observing any training course.

### **3. Appendix 3 – Law Enforcement Rules**

- a. This section applies to Law Enforcement Agencies that contract with BGTC (contracting agencies) to use the Training Center for agency training under the supervision of an authorized agency training officer/supervisor.
- b. Contracting agencies are authorized to conduct official training on dates and ranges they have pre-reserved and are listed on the BGTC website events calendar. Self-initiated or non-official firing by a member of a law enforcement agency is not considered official agency training. Individual law enforcement officers at BGTC for official agency training are NOT allowed to shoot on any range not reserved by their agency.
- c. Ranges B, C, D, and K are the only ranges available for reservation by contracting agencies.
- d. BGTC has waived the cold range rule for law enforcement officers reporting to BGTC for official agency training.
- e. Except for operating rules (B.3), rules covering firearms, and ammunition (B.6), full auto (B.7), and targets (B.8 & B.9), agency trainers/supervisors are authorized to adjust range rules, if they can do so safely, to accommodate the needs of their training.
- f. Ranges must be cleaned up after use with all props, stands, sticks, etc. placed back in their proper storage area. All cardboard, targets, etc. are to be placed in a dumpster, not in trash cans. Brass is to be policed from downrange positions.
- g. Unless they hold a BGTC membership, individual law enforcement officers from a contracting agency are not allowed to access BGTC property except for scheduled agency training. The agency contract with BGTC does not confer individual membership to any individual officer of that agency. Law enforcement officers accessing the Center under their individual membership are subject to all BGTC rules.