

The Belton Gun Club, Inc.

153 Range Road

Belton, SC 29627

Digest of Rules and Regulations

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1. **Emergencies:** Call 911. Physical address: 153 Range Road Belton, SC
GPS address: 300 Corner Road Belton, SC 29697

2. Firearm Safety

- **All Guns should always be considered as loaded.**
- **Never point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to kill or destroy.**
- **Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target, and you are ready to shoot.**
- **Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.**

Safety is everyone's responsibility

3. General Range Rules

- Normal Hours of operations: Legal sunrise to legal sunset, 7 days a week.
- Shotgun ranges and the Clubhouse range which are equipped with lights, may be used until 10:00 PM, unless otherwise posted. Contact the club Range Operator for instructions in the use of the lights on these ranges.
- No hunting on Belton Gun Club (BGC) property.
- Alcoholic Beverages are strictly prohibited on BGC property. Consumption of alcohol on club property will result in immediate termination of membership.
- Range Speed Limit is 10 mph.
- Drivers must have a valid driver's license to operate any type of motorized vehicle on BGC property.
- No automobiles are allowed on the Sporting Clays course. Golf carts are available for rent at the club house office.
- Members must clean up after themselves after shooting. Remove all empty ammo boxes, spent targets, beverage containers, shotgun hulls and all other rubbish. Carry it away with you or place it in the proper trash containers.
- Members are limited to four guests during any visit to the range. The member is responsible for all guests at all times while on the club property. Guests are to use the same benches as the member while the other members are present on the range. **You must insure that all guests adhere to the club rules and do not interfere with other members.**
- Members and their guests are required to use eye and ear protection while on the firing line during periods of active firing.
- **NEVER** handle firearms while shooters are down range. Firearms must be unloaded with magazines removed and actions open when individuals are down range. **No exception!**

- **It is the responsibility of each shooter to make absolutely sure all other shooters on the range are well aware that someone is going down range.** Clearly communicate with all shooters on the range, and make sure everyone acknowledges that you are going down range. Visually inspect that all firearms are unloaded with actions open before going in front of the firing line.
- Vehicles are allowed on the firing ranges or bays for placement or retrieval of targets as long as the range has been deemed safe. Members may use the access roads to carry their targets to the designated area.
- Ranges may be closed occasionally for range maintenance. Members must adhere to closed range signs when posted. When possible, scheduled maintenance will be listed on the club event calendar located on the club website: www.beltongunclubinc.org. Occasionally, maintenance will be required with short notice. In those cases an email will be sent out to all members with a valid email in our system. It is vitally important that each member keep their account up-to-date with their current email address.
- All ranges are open to the general membership unless a scheduled event is taking place. All scheduled events will be noted on the club website at www.beltongunclubinc.org

4. Range Descriptions and Special Rules for Each Range

- **Sporting Clays, Trap, Skeet and Five Stand**
 - Trap, Skeet and Five Stand can be found at the lower part of the range to the left of the clubhouse. Sporting clays is around the lower backside of the entire range and starts near the Trap range.
 - No automobiles are allowed on the Sporting Clays Course. Golf carts are available for rent at the club house office.
 - All shooting shall take place in the designated area. For 5 stand and sporting clays, the shooter must be in the shooting box. No shooting is allowed outside the shooting box.
 - Once a gun is removed from its case, it must be carried with the chamber open and unloaded. Open and empty for a side by side or over/under is described as broken open, empty and over the shoulder with the muzzle pointed downward. Semi-automatic shotguns must have the action open, pointing up and the action facing forward so that other shooters can see that the gun is unloaded.
 - When shotguns are not in use, they may be placed in the racks provided, in an upright position, with the action open. Breach type guns may be closed and placed in the rack as long as they are deemed unloaded.
 - No shotgun shall be pointed in any direction other than down range.
 - You may not load more than 2 shells at a time on these ranges.
 - No slings are allowed on shotguns.
 - Place all machine controllers back in their proper places after use.
 - Shooters should clean up after themselves after finishing at each station.

- Only authorized personnel are allowed to move, load, adjust or repair any clay throwing machine. **Any unauthorized personnel caught tampering with the machines will have their membership terminated.**
- If you have any issues with the clay throwing machines, **DO NOT** attempt to make repairs yourself. Call the Range Officer at 864-318-4383.
- **Targets for the following ranges with berms**
 - Corrugated board targets for the following ranges are located between the clubhouse and the 300 yard range at the storage shed. The cost for these targets is \$1.00 each. Members should place payment in the drop box at the storage bin. Used targets can be placed in the storage bin at the shed.
- **Clubhouse 25 yard Range – Located behind clubhouse**
 - Range may be used with lights until 10:00PM, unless otherwise posted. Shooters must contact the Range Operator for instruction in the use of the lights. Contact the range operator during normal office hours.
 - Any firearm per section 5 may be used on these ranges.
 - No parking allowed in the area between the clubhouse and the range.
 - Targets may be placed any distance between the berm and the firing line.
 - All shooting should be done from the covered firing line.
 - All projectiles must impact the rear berm.
 - Firearms may only be loaded when the shooter is on the firing line, ready to shoot. Firearms must remain pointed in a safe direction.
 - Firearms on the back table facing the clubhouse must be unloaded, and have their actions open, or placed securely in a storage case.
 - **Falling steel plates may only be shot with traditional handgun calibers. Steel may only be shot from the covered firing line.**
 - Personal steel targets may not be shot on this range.
 - Reactionary targets, such as spinners made for .22LR may be used on this range, but must be placed at the berm to prevent ricochets.
 - Members must clean up the area after they are finished.
- **300 yard range (range to the right of the clubhouse)**
 - This range is setup to facilitate shooting at 100, 200 and 300 yards.
 - Target placement requires that all rounds impact the 100 or 300 yard rear berms. **Side berms may not be used as impact berms.**
 - Any firearm per section 5 may be used on these ranges.
 - Shooters may walk or drive down range on the permitted pathway as long as the range is clear, all actions are open, and magazines are removed. All shooters must acknowledge that someone is going down range, and must not handle firearms while individuals are down range.
 - While shooting on this range, your line of fire must be within the same shooting lane and target. **Do not fire across other shooting lanes.**

- BGC will not tolerate ricochets off the ground or other surfaces. If you experience a ricochet, move your target to make sure that the round impacts the berm or move to a bay that is more appropriate for your shooting distance.
 - The steel must not be moved from the containment shelter. Shooters may only fire at the steel from the shooting lane directly in front of it.
 - Members may shoot their personal steel, but it must be placed in the containment shelter. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **100 Yard Range, Multiplex # 1 and Multiplex # 2 Bays**
 - Target placement requires that all rounds impact the rear berms. Side berms may not be impacted for any reason!
 - The minimum shooting distance on the 100 yard range is 50 yards. Minimum distance on Multiplex 1 and 2 is 25 yards. **Targets must be placement so that all projectiles impact the back berm.**
 - Any firearm per section 5 may be used on these ranges.
 - Shooters may walk down range on the permitted pathway as long as the range is clear, all actions are open, and magazines are removed. All shooters must acknowledge that someone is going down range, and must not handle firearms while individuals are down range.
 - While shooting on this range, your line of fire must be within the same shooting lane and target. **Do not fire across other shooting lanes.**
 - Ricochets off the ground or other surfaces will not be tolerated. If you experience a ricochet, move your target to make sure that the round impacts the berm or move to a bay that is more appropriate for your shooting discipline.
 - The steel must not be moved from the containment shelter. Shooters may only fire at the steel from the shooting lane directly in front of it.
 - Members may shoot their personal steel, but it must be placed in the containment shelter. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
 - Please note signs on the ranges with specific requirements for each range.
- **Multiplex Bays #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, and Competition Complex**
 - These bays are considered action bays used for open shooting with multiple disciplines.
 - **Bays set-up for Club sanctioned matches are closed for general club usage for the duration of the match, or until released for general club usage by the respective Match Director. Tampering with competition bays set up for matches will not be tolerated, and will result in the termination of club membership.**
 - Any firearm per section 5 may be used on these ranges.
 - Club supplied steel may only be shot using traditional pistol calibers. Do not shoot club steel with any pistol chambered for traditional rifle calibers.
 - **Minimum distance for shooting steel is 10 yards.**

- All steel must be shot with the bullet traveling perpendicular to the face of the target.
- Steel may only be shot in the containment shelters provided on Bay #3, unless approved by a Match Coordinator during a club sanctioned event.
NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Target placement requires that all rounds impact the rear berm. Side berms may not be used as impact berms, unless they are being used as part of a club sanctioned match.
- The BGC target frames are strongly encouraged to be used for Rifle and Handguns.
- Any building, structure, or barrel that is considered a match prop is only to be used for scheduled match events. Do not use these as targets or as shooting stands. Tables have been provided for general membership use.
- Please note signs on the ranges with specific requirements for each range.
- Clean up after yourself when finished shooting.

5. Approved Firearms, Targets and Ammunition

- No firearms chambered for .50BMG are allowed on any BGC ranges.
- Legal automatic weapons are permitted on club property. Members must follow all federal, State and local laws and regulations when using these firearms.
- No bump fire or any device that simulates automatic fire is allowed on any range.
- Members are encouraged to use club target holders but may use their own. Targets **must** be placed so that all projectiles impact the rear berm and do not strike the ground.
- Reactive targets, spinners and other steel targets must be placed at the berm so that bullets always impact the rear berm.
- Glass bottles and drink cans are not to be used as targets.
- Explosive or binary targets are prohibited.
- Clay shotgun targets may be used as long as they are placed on the impact berms. **DO NOT** remove clay targets from target throwers on the shotgun ranges. Clays laying on the ground may be picked up and used.
- There is a shotgun patterning board located next to the Trap range. Targets may be taped or attached with a magnet.
- Ammunition considered as tracer, incendiary or explosive are strictly prohibited, and will result in termination of membership if used on our ranges.
- Only shot shells with 7½ to 9 shot are allowed on the shotgun ranges, including the patterning board.
- Slugs and buckshot are prohibited on the shotgun ranges. They may be used on the other ranges as long as the projectiles impact the rear berm.

6. Range Commands – Used during matches or when multiple shooters are on the range.

- **“CEASE FIRE!”** – To stop all firing **IMMEDIATELY!** (Can be given by anyone that observes an unsafe action.)
- **“CLEAR THE LINE!”** – To stop all shooting, unload all firearms and open actions. When the line is clear no one shall handle any firearm for any reason.
- **“RANGE IS CLEAR!”** – To alert all shooters along the line that travel downrange from the firing line for any purpose is approved.
- **“THE LINE IS HOT!”** – Notification that all shooters have completed their activity forward of the firing line and are ready to begin firing.
- **“COMMENCE FIRING”** – Fire at targets down range

7. Range Security

- The clubhouse can be accessed by club members by using the gate pass card. The club house is closed to general membership access when being used during a scheduled event or function.
- Report any suspected trespassers to law enforcement and the Executive Board. Members should have their ID with them at all times while on club property, and present it when requested by another member. Every member has the right to request to see the card of another member.
- Show respect to others and practice good sportsmanship while on the range. Always be courteous to other shooters and be willing to point out any safety issues or concerns.
- The main gate will automatically close unless it is in the event mode. The gate will remain on event mode during posted times for weekend events and scheduled matches.
- No pets are allowed in the club house, with the exception of service dogs.

8. Match Guidelines

- Match guidelines are covered in the Match Directors Handbook. This handbook was created to govern all Pistol and Rifle matches at the BGC. See the Executive Range Officer for this document. Each Match Director has been approved by the Executive Range Officer to conduct organized matches per their guidelines.

9. General Club Regulations

- The Belton Gun Club meets on the Third or Fourth Thursday of each month. Supper is catered, so the cost may vary from month to month. The menu and cost will be published in the club newsletter and on the website. Members planning to eat at the meeting must notify the club secretary or register online

before midnight on the Tuesday prior to the meeting. Individuals that reserve a meal and are unable to attend are encouraged to contact the club secretary as soon as possible. Individuals may be billed for their meals if they are not claimed at the meeting.

- The Executive Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM, unless otherwise posted. Executive Board meetings are open to all club members. Meeting dates and times may vary at the discretion of the board, so check the club calendar before attending.
- Annual dues are \$150 per year. Senior dues are \$100. This discounted rate is available to members 64 and older. The senior discount must be requested before dues are paid. No refund will be issued.
- Annual dues will be paid by regular members before June 30 each year. The cards of members not paying by June 30 will be automatically deactivated on that date. **Members not paying by June 30 will also be charged a \$50 late fee.** Dues payments will be accepted until September 30. After September 30, the member will be dropped from the membership role, and will have to re-apply for membership.
- **Probationary membership:**
 - Cost: \$150 for the first year's dues, plus a \$250 initiation fee upon application, for a total of \$400.
 - Senior discount does not apply to probationary membership.
 - No refund will be issued to a probationary applicant that decides to withdraw their application after payment.
 - The probationary member is required to attend a range orientation/safety briefing before being considered by the Executive Board for approval.
 - **Membership cards will not be activated until membership is approved by the Executive Board, during the monthly board meeting.**
- Members are required to serve one year as a probationary member before consideration as a full member. The probationary member will be presented to the Executive Board for consideration of full membership on their anniversary date as noted on their membership card. Upon election to full membership, the member will receive notification via email or a letter, which will include the payment required for prorated dues. The member is strongly encouraged to pay online as directed by the email. The member will be expected to pay prorated dues for the remainder of the fiscal year per the payment schedule approved by the Executive Board. Payment will be expected within 30 days of notification of full membership election. Membership will be terminated if the probationary member does not pay the prorated dues within 90 days as a full member.
- A regular member may request a life membership after the completion of the probationary membership. The member must be a member in good standing with the NRA at time of the request. Cost is \$1500.
- All members are encouraged to maintain membership in the NRA. Members can renew, change, or enroll in the NRA by contacting the Club Secretary, or by following the link on the club web site. Purchasing your NRA membership through the Belton Gun Club will entitle you to a discount in your NRA dues.

- If you as a member have a concern or request, you can bring it before the Executive Board at the normal scheduled meeting times. According to the Club By-Laws, only the Executive Board is granted authority to conduct Club business.
- The Executive Board will not tolerate the propagation of rumors or innuendos by any individual or group which uses the club facilities. Concerns should be brought before the Executive Board for proper and thorough investigation. Threats of civil or criminal action, or the threat of undue outside influence against any member or group will not be tolerated, and will result in the member making such threats being suspended, or termination of membership.
- The Belton Gun Club has been successful through the fellowship and cooperation among members. Help the Club continue to grow by being a good, willing and unselfish member. The BGC is a non-profit, 501-C4 organization. Most work done at the club is through the hard work and dedication of members who unselfishly volunteer countless hours to keep us successful. Members are encouraged to be part of the success of the club by helping maintain high standards, cooperation, and pride in our facilities. Please take care of our ranges, target stands, and equipment. Help us maintain low cost and high standards.