

## **WELCOME TO SAN ANGELO GUN CLUB, Inc. (SAGC).**

All new or continuing members must attend this annual orientation class and complete a Membership Agreement every year before being granted unrestricted SAGC access for that membership year. The purpose for this class each year is to reinforce basic range protocols and to introduce members to changes that may have occurred or are in progress. This orientation is not an evaluation of a member's shooting ability or safety habits. After the orientation activities have been satisfactorily completed, attending members will be issued their membership cards and keycards or vehicle access decals.

BE AWARE THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN THIS ORIENTATION MAY RESULT IN MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION OR PERMANENT REVOCATION.

**YOU ARE ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND BEHAVIOR OF YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY, AND ANY GUESTS THAT YOU MAY BRING TO THE RANGE.** You are responsible for assuring that the firearms that you, your family, and guests bring to the club are both safe and **legal**. You are also responsible for any actions that may impact the safety of others on the range. **DO NOT CLIMB ON OR OVER ANY BERM.** Do not allow your guests, children, or grandchildren to climb on the berms.

Please drive safely and watch your dust, both on the access road and on club property. Heavy equipment and pedestrians ALWAYS have right of way. Watch out for them and do not walk or drive in their way. Heavy equipment cannot stop as quickly as you can. Also, be smart – if the road is too muddy to drive on without risking getting stuck, don't even try. In the event of heavy rain and very muddy roads, the gate may be locked to vehicular traffic and you may have to walk in until the roads dry out.

SAGC is a private club, owned by the membership. Except for approved and scheduled events that invite non-members, **EVERYONE THAT COMES TO THE RANGE (*unless escorted by a fully qualified member*) MUST HAVE COMPLETED AN ORIENTATION CLASS AND SIGNED A MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT.** NO person under 18 years of age will be permitted on the range unless accompanied by an adult member or qualified Instructor.

SAGC is a non-profit corporation affiliated with the National Rifle Association and several other national shooting organizations. The facilities at 8055 Arden Road, San Angelo Texas, and equipment have been paid for by membership dues, facility use fees, and donations. The club is governed by an elected executive board and operates under the authority of the club's bylaws. The club officers' names and other important information are on large signs at the facility and on the club's website. The club website ([www.sanangelogunclub.org](http://www.sanangelogunclub.org)) also contains a calendar of events and other pertinent information. Please check the website for scheduling conflicts before going to the range, as club events may reduce the amount and/or location of available shooting areas.

The board recommends that each member be an active member of the National Rifle Association (NRA), the Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA), or any other 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment support organization. These organizations help support shooters clubs like ours on the local, state and national level.

## **USE OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES OR BEHAVIOR MODIFYING DRUGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE RANGE.**

### **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

There is no phone at the range. In case of an emergency, members should CALL 911 FROM A CELL PHONE. The physical address of SAGC is 8055 Arden Road (Hwy 853). If an ambulance is required, someone must unlock and open the gate for the responding emergency vehicle. In the event of an emergency requiring such assistance, after the situation is stable please contact an SAGC officer with the specifics of the event. Phone numbers are posted on large signs in the facility.

### **DEFINITIONS**

For SAGC purposes, the following definitions apply:

- **Cold range** – All firearms are to be COMPLETELY unloaded with no ammunition in the firearm.
- **Down range** – Toward the usual target placement, usually into a berm, away from people.

- **Firing line** - The position from which shooting is directed at a target, sometimes a row of shooters. The firing line usually extends from the berm on your left to the berm on your right.
- **Berms** – The piles of dirt that are intended to catch the bullet.
- **Action Area** – Bays designated with numbers (1, 2, 3,...).
- **Precision Ranges** – Ranges designated with letters (A, B, C).
- **Ricochet** – The bounce of a bullet or fragment – usually comes from the bullet hitting something hard such as flat dirt, rock in a berm, or steel targets.
- **Automatic firearm** (full automatic/select fire) – One trigger function results in more than one shot without any other action.
- **Semi-automatic firearm** – One trigger function results in a single shot.
- **Bump-fire, crank triggers, and other similar devices** – Special components that allow semi-automatic firearms to seem to fire at automatic speed. These devices, as approved by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE), are legal under state and federal laws.
- **Range Officers (ROs)** – Individuals that have the responsibility to observe range safety behaviors in SAGC facilities and enforce club rules. Range Officers may be elected or appointed.

## **FACILITY SCHEDULE / AVAILABILITY**

SAGC is normally open to members 24 hours a day, every day. Occasionally, situations such as maintenance, construction, or special events may result in all or part of the range being closed. During special events, parts of the range may be open to non-members. Non-members shooting in special events are under the authority of the event director. SAGC approved and scheduled matches and official military/law enforcement training take precedence over individual member use at all times. In most cases, the entire range will not be closed, areas will remain

open for normal use. When the entire range must be closed for a major event, a notice will be posted at the range and on the Club website.

## **SAGC ACCESS**

The entrance to the club is through the main gate. The gate may be left open when organized shooting events are in progress, when maintenance activities are in progress, or when heavy equipment is being operated. You must have your membership card displayed on your person when you are on SAGC property.

## **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

SAGC memberships are considered family memberships, with one fee, one provided keycard, and one vote per membership. No additional membership fee is charged for immediate family members of a paid club member. If an extra keycard or vehicle access decal is desired, it can be purchased for an additional fee. If your spouse or immediate family member over 18 years of age wants to come to the range without you, they must first attend an orientation class and fill out a Membership Agreement. A spouse or family member that has not completed orientation and signed a Membership Agreement may not come to the range unless accompanied by a fully documented SAGC member. A dependent may continue this practice until he or she turns 21 years of age, but the following membership year they must obtain their own membership. Members will only loan their keycard to an adult family member who has completed the current SAGC orientation and signed the Membership Agreement.

## **GUESTS**

Members may bring a reasonable number of guests to the club. However, we request if a guest who resides in the Concho Valley area uses the facility more than a couple of times a year they be encouraged to get their own membership. The member who brings a guest must be in direct supervision of that guest at all times and is responsible for the guest's actions.

## **EYE AND EAR PROTECTION REQUIRED**

Members and their guests are required to wear eye and ear protection on SAGC property when any shooting activity is in progress. Everyone should be wearing glasses of some kind at all times when on the range and not inside an enclosed vehicle or building. Even though you are not shooting, fragments may come your way at high speed and without warning. This requirement applies to everyone, not just the shooter.

If you are purchasing safety glasses for children, you may find it helpful to select those with thin ear pieces as hearing muffs often painfully press on the ear pieces of those with smaller faces and may cause a child to not want to wear their safety equipment.

### **ALL LEGAL FIREARMS ARE ALLOWED**

Firearms falling under National Firearms Act (NFA) rules) must have current documentation and the member should be prepared to produce such documentation immediately upon request by an SAGC officer.

The use of non-registered National Firearms Act firearms on SAGC property is specifically disallowed. The membership of an offender or the offender's host's membership will be revoked.

### **COLD RANGE**

SAGC operates as a cold range. All firearms must be empty except when a shooting activity in the bay or on the firing line is ready to be safely started.

The cold range limitation does not apply to firearms carried under legal authority such as a law enforcement officer or a License to Carry holder, provided those firearms remain concealed (or holstered for law enforcement) while the member is outside of an active shooting area.

If you are a License to Carry holder planning to practice with your firearm, whether concealed or open carry, go to a bay, range, or designated unload area when provided as soon you can, safely face downrange, and unload your firearm. Once your firearm is unloaded, it falls under the cold range rule until you safely place it back into legal carry status and leave gun club property.

## **MUZZLE DIRECTION**

Always be aware of your muzzle direction. You may believe that your firearm is empty but other people do not know whether or not your firearm is empty. Always treat your firearm as if it is loaded and DO NOT point it at anything or anyone that you do not intend to shoot. (*Safety Rules 1 & 2*)

## **SHARING A BAY OR RANGE**

Your firing line usually runs from the berm on your left to the berm on your right.

If you are sharing a bay in ***the Action area*** and another shooter wants to shoot at a different distance, one of you may need to set targets next to a side berm so both of you can keep the same firing line with a different target distance or you may need to take turns shooting.

***The Precision ranges*** have preset target distances so there is *only one firing line*. Do not move forward of that firing line to shoot. Do not place your targets against the side berms in the Precision ranges. Targets may only be placed against the interim berms or back berm within the range.

**NEVER** SHOOT WHEN ANYONE IN YOUR BAY OR RANGE IS FORWARD OF YOUR FIRING LINE. (*Safety Rules 2 & 3*)

The command "CEASE FIRE" or "STOP" will be obeyed immediately, no matter who says it. Anyone may call a cease-fire or "stop" in an immediate attempt to resolve an unsafe situation.

When sharing a bay or range with others, make sure that everyone on the firing line knows when you are going down range. Since the others are wearing hearing protection, be sure to get their attention and make sure that they understand what you intend to do and when you intend to do it. DO NOT go forward of the firing line until all firearms are made safe.

If you have been told STOP or CEASE FIRE for others to go downrange, completely unload your firearm. Step back from your firearm and do not do anything with your firearm while people are forward of the firing line.

DO NOT touch your firearm or resume firing until everyone is back behind the firing line.

And last but not least, firearms will be emptied and made safe per cold range rules before leaving the firing line.

## **TARGETS**

PLACE TARGETS AS CLOSE TO THE BERM AS POSSIBLE. Targets need to be placed close to the berm so bullets will impact directly and safely into the berm. (*Safety Rule 3*) The picture on the back of this booklet is there as a reminder of proper placement.

Bring your own targets. NEVER PLACE TARGETS DIRECTLY ON THE GROUND OR ON TOP OF A BERM. The provided target supports have 2 x 4 lumber at the top and bottom so be sure to place your target in the center of the frame so your bullets do not strike the lumber. Do not move the stationary target supports in the Precision ranges or long bays in the Action area. Bring your own target stands for use in the Action area in case the provided target supports are not available. If you use a provided target support in the Action area, do not shoot the wood or stand on purpose. When shooting buck or birdshot, place your targets on your own supports. **Do not shoot club provided target supports with buck or birdshot.** Clay targets may be placed midway on a berm as stationary targets.

Do not use anything as a target that can produce sharp shards, could roll over the berm or down on the ground, or cause harmful effects. Examples of targets that are not allowed include glass, ground bouncing targets, golf balls, softballs, bowling balls, rolling targets, TVs, computers, printers... Pick up after yourself and dispose of your used targets in the trash containers. Explosive targets such as Tannerite are currently not allowed.

In order to minimize the possibility of ricochets, only shoot at targets so your bullet will impact vertical dirt in a berm or a designated bullet trap.

**NO armor piercing or tracer rounds will be fired on the range.** Armor piercing or tracer rounds are potential fire hazards.

NEVER INTENTIONALLY POINT THE MUZZLE OF A LOADED FIREARM ABOVE THE DIRT IN THE BERMS on any range. The only exception to this rule is for aerial clay birds shot with 7 ½ or smaller size birdshot in the Shotgun area or under RO supervision in the Action Area.

## **STEEL TARGETS**

Steel targets are allowed. They should be placed with a downward angle so the bullet fragments go into the dirt or into a berm. Steel targets should be made of the hardest steel that you can afford. Hard steel will have fewer pockmarks, thus reducing the potential for ricochets. SAGC recommends AR500 or better for steel targets.

### **CLUB OWNED STEEL TARGETS AND RIFLE USE:**

- Do NOT move club owned steel targets to the Precision ranges or the Action Area bays without proper authorization.
- You may shoot rifles at those club owned steel targets already installed for general use in the Precision ranges.
- Do NOT shoot rifles at club owned steel targets elsewhere except in restricted use applications such as matches under RO supervision.

## **SHOTGUNS**

Shotguns may be fired on the shotgun range or in the Action area. Both locations have specific limitations on their use. **ONLY USE SHOTGUNS WITH BIRDSHOT (7 ½ OR SMALLER) ON THE SHOTGUN RANGE.** No other firearm type is allowed on the shotgun range. Members are asked to report anyone using something other than a shotgun with birdshot on the shotgun range. Offenders will probably lose their club membership and may face legal consequences for reckless endangerment of others.

SHOTGUNS WITH AMMO OTHER THAN BIRDSHOT MUST BE SHOT IN THE ACTION AREA. Please bring your own targets and target supports. **Do not shoot any provided target stands or target backers with shot.** Aerial clays may only be shot in match conditions under RO supervision in the Action Area.



Please pick up all trash, including hulls, and discard it in the receptacles provided before leaving. Clay target boxes should be broken down and placed in the dumpster, not in trash barrels.

## **ACTION AREA**

Handguns, rifles, and shotguns are used in the Action Area bays. Full automatic and bump-fire-type firearms are allowed in bays 11 and 12 ONLY. Bays 1 through 4 are only designated for License to Carry classes or SAGC approved and scheduled events with RO supervision. Bays 1 through 4 are not for general member use.

## **PRECISION RANGES**

Firearms used on the Precision ranges will be shot from a rest or from a supported position at proper targets at the preset berms. All shooting on the Precision ranges will be done from the established firing line. Shooters may not move forward of the established preset firing line to shoot.

Shooting off hand is not allowed on Precision ranges unless such stance is required as part of a recognized course of fire of an ongoing shooting event, or the member is actively practicing for such an event.

Handguns specifically designed for hunting or competition shooting will be fired from a supported position. **Your concealed carry firearm is NOT to be fired on the Precision ranges.**

A supported position need not always require a sandbag or rest. It can be leaning against a shade pole, leaning on the bench, using your own bones / skeleton for support such as prone, kneeling, seated, Creedmoor, or any of the NRA defined supported positions. The purpose of this requirement is to prevent bullets ricocheting out of the range because of poorly controlled shooting. When possible, targets shot off hand at 100 yards or less should be shot in the Action area.

If you are not hitting your target, you should consider refining your skill in the shorter bays of the Action area.

## **Range Conduct**

Acts of aggression, verbal or physical abuse, intimidation, or disorderly conduct directed at any member by a member or guest of a member, shall be grounds for immediate suspension of club privileges of that member. A Board review and further action may be taken as appropriate. Such actions may include permanent suspension of membership privileges and/or the incident reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

## **RULE VIOLATIONS / VANDALISM RESPONSE**

Any time you notice a violation of SAGC rules, you should courteously and politely inform the other person of the rule being violated and ask them to conform to SAGC rules. If they continue after you mention the infraction, notify a club officer; do not attempt to detain or otherwise interfere with the individual. If you see someone damaging, defacing property, or abusing safety rules, attempt to identify the person or record the vehicle license number and notify a club officer or range staff with details of the incident who may then take further action. This includes any person seen deliberately firing at animals, trees, lights, awnings, target stands, flags, signs or any other range property or equipment. Most members are not law enforcement; after polite intervention you should have no further contact.

If a Club Official or Range Officer observes a rule violation, the member may be required to surrender their card and key. Depending on the violation, the member will be instructed as to whether they need to attend another orientation class to retrieve their key and card or attend the next club business meeting to explain to the Board of Directors why club suspension or expulsion procedures should not be initiated.

## **ORGANIZED EVENTS SAFETY RULES**

Each organized competition group has its own rules for safety. The Match Director of a scheduled event may deem that different safety rules shall be in effect for the duration of that event.

## **CLEAN UP / DON'T LEAVE A MESS**

Please help maintain YOUR range. Members shall not litter the range with used targets, cans, boxes, bottles, etc. It shall be the responsibility of each

member to pick up and remove any trash they have generated before leaving the range. Empty trash cans whenever you can. All SAGC portable target stands should have the used targets removed and be returned to their respective storage areas.

Place any unwanted brass and unfired rounds in the red brass boxes positioned around the facility. The brass from these boxes will be processed, sold, and the proceeds used for young people's activities.

**Members may remove spent lead** for their own use as long as they do not damage the berms.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

SAGC is a VOLUNTEER operation. Members are expected to help as much as they are able. Where possible, all work is done by volunteers, such as picking up and emptying trash, range maintenance, construction, and conducting matches. Opportunities for volunteering may be posted to the website or communicated through email. Our members work very hard to maintain a facility that offers a wide range of shooting experiences at a minimum cost to the members. Your help is needed.

## **INSTRUCTORS**

SAGC members who desire to use SAGC facilities for personal financial benefit as an instructor must: complete the Online Instructors Orientation and fulfill all its requirements.

## **CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST**

As a nonprofit, SAGC is required by the IRS to have a Conflict of Interest Policy. This policy describes how we handle it when contemplating entering into an activity, transaction, or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an Officer or member.

- The club will only hire or contract with an Officer or member if they are the best qualified individual to provide the goods or services needed at the best price. That decision must be recorded in the minutes of the Meeting where the potential conflict of interest is discussed.

- No member of SAGC will obtain any list of members for personal or private solicitation purposes at any time during the term of their affiliation with SAGC.
- SAGC will not lend money to or use its credit to assist its Officers or individual members.
- SAGC must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

“The purpose of SAGC is to encourage firearms competition, sport shooting, education, and training. Pursuit of this purpose will result in increased knowledge of safe handling and proper care of firearms, improved marksmanship, and good sportsmanship. Through related activities, SAGC seeks to lessen the burdens of government and combat juvenile delinquency.”

## **LOST OR FOUND ITEMS**

Lost or found items must be reported to an Officer along with sufficient information to connect the owner with the finder.

## **NO POLITICS**

No political signs, political related graffiti, or targets depicting political figures are to be posted or used on gun club property. Old political signs may be used as target supports. Again, no targets depicting political figures are to be used.

## **THIS IS YOUR CLUB**

This is your club and your facility. If you are aware of any member deliberately damaging our range, please contact a Club Officer. Club members are responsible to each other and to make sure all property of the club is not abused.

It takes more than paying a small membership fee to make this club succeed and be used to its maximum potential. Attend the monthly business meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at 7 pm at or next door to the Outdoorsman, except December. Volunteer to take the lead on

a club activity. Get involved! Volunteer your special skills, ideas, and services!

**You make SAGC special!**