

DeSoto Rifle & Pistol Club Member Safety Orientation Briefing (eff. 3/2024 GB)

Fundamental Firearms Safety



1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use it. (Action open, cased, or holstered.)

Safety and Operational Rules for Range Usage

1. All discharged rounds must impact the North berms, regardless of whether your target has been hit. ALL SHOTS FIRED MUST REMAIN ON CLUB PROPERTY. NO CROSS FIRING.
2. Desoto Rifle & Pistol Club is a private club and is accessible to members and guests only. Always keep the gate closed and locked. During scheduled matches open to non—members, and on days when the Range Safety Officer is on site, the club may elect to leave the gates open, unlocked.
3. Members must wear their membership cards in a manner that is visible to DR&PC staff.
4. A range flag must be raised on the flagpole nearest the range to be used before firing begins.
5. Personal vehicles must always remain on designated drive lanes and parking areas. They may never be driven onto the range firing areas.
6. Anyone driving on club property must have a valid driver's license, and adhere to 17 mph.
7. Eye and ear protection are required for all minor children under the age of 18.
8. The entirety of the Desoto Rifle and Pistol Club facilities is a COLD range. All exposed firearms must not contain any ammunition except when they are on a firing line and the firing line is HOT. Cased firearms may be unloaded from vehicles on a COLD firing line but must remain cased until the firing line goes HOT.
9. Range hours of operation are from sunrise to sunset, Como time, every day of the year.
10. No hunting is allowed on range property.
11. The 200-yard range requires 3 seconds between shots, no standing while shooting, and no shotguns or pistols allowed.
12. While 200 range is cold for target placement, all non-shooters must remain behind yellow line away from firearms, shooting benches must remain forward of yellow line, blue shooting bench is for handicap shooters
13. No firearm training allowed without Board approval. Proof of insurance and range use fee must be provided.
14. No shooting from a standing position greater than 25 yards from target.
15. No crossfire into the 200 yd range while shooting in front of the 50 yd range. And no crossfire into the 50 yd range while shooting in front of the 200 yd range.
16. Members are responsible for cleaning up their shooting areas when finished. That includes lowering and stowing range flags in the flagpole tube, and returning target stands to the target shed. All center-fire metallic cartridges and shot shells must be picked up, as well as any trash.
17. No rifles larger than a 22 LR allowed in pistol bays 1 & 2; .30 caliber or smaller approved in bay 3.
18. In case of an accident call 911, send someone to unlock the front gate to direct EMS. Our address is 7171 Compress Rd., Como, MS. 38619. A bleed kit is on the left wall of club house.

Prohibited Items and Activities

1. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, illegal or ability degrading drugs.
2. Fully automatic firearms, bump stocks, and binary triggers, Tannerite or any type of exploding, reactive, or moving target.
3. .50 caliber BMG, Centerfire 50 Cal, 338 Lapua, tracer, incendiary, armor piercing or penetrator rounds.
4. **"Bump, quick draw/fast draw, instinct firing (firing without aiming)" or drawing from a shoulder holster; drawing from a drop-leg holster or waist holster is permissible providing the gun is not discharged until the pistol is completely out of the holster and finger off the trigger until a proper sight picture is established, with the muzzle pointed at the target.**
5. Cans, bottles, plastic containers, food, fruit, vegetables, and other organic matter as targets. For safety reasons personal metal targets are not allowed. (DPRC Safety & Operation Rule 14.)
6. Behavior or comments that can be interpreted as unsafe, belligerent, hostile or threatening.
7. Offensive targets depicting elected officials or other prominent people, or offensive slogans.

Full Legal Name (Print)	Signature	Date
Email	Phone	

Orientation performed by	Signature	Date
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DR&PC Participant Agreement, Release and Acknowledgement of Risk for Events

In consideration of the services of DeSoto Rifle & Pistol Club, their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, employees, facilities, land owners, and all other persons or public or private entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as "DR&PC"), I hereby agree to release and discharge DR&PC on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative, and estate as follows:

1. I acknowledge that discharging a firearm (shooting) entails unknown and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the DR&PC activities.
2. DR&PC activity risks include, among other things: minor injuries, impairment or loss of hearing, impairment or loss of sight, serious bodily injury, and death. Gunmanship places gun safety as its highest priority. Nevertheless, DR&PC may be ignorant of participants' fitness and/or abilities. DR&PC may not provide adequate warnings, instructions, and equipment may malfunction.
3. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all risks existing in DR&PC activities in which I participate. My participation in these activities is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate despite the risks.
4. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless DR&PC from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in DR&PC activities or my use of DR&PC equipment or facilities, including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of DR&PC.
5. Should DR&PC, or anyone acting on its behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and other costs to enforce this Agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.
6. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause to suffer while participating, or else bear the costs of such injury myself. I further certify that I have no medical or physical conditions, which could interfere with my safety in these activities, or else I am willing to assume and bear the costs of all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such action.

By signing this Agreement, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in these activities, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against DR&PC on the basis of any claim from which I have released to DR&PC herein. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire Agreement. I have read it and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Full Legal Name	Signature	Date
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Parent's or Guardian's Additional Indemnification (if participant under the age of eighteen)

In consideration of _____ (minor child) being permitted to participate in DR&PC activities, use its equipment, and facilities as detailed in this Agreement, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless DR&PC from any and all claims which are brought by, or behalf of named minor child, and which are in any way connected with such participation or use by named minor child.

Full Legal Name	Signature	Date
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