

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS



TURCOTTE EDUCATION AND SHOOTING FACILITY



RANGE PERMIT:

NAME:

DATE:

INITIALS	RANGE RULES
	1. All users must check in with the Range Officer PRIOR TO USE .
	2. All individuals (shooters and non-shooters) between the ages of 16-65 require a Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Usage Permit to use the facility.
	3. Shooters and guests must obey all Range Officer commands promptly.
	4. Shooters are responsible for the conduct OF THEIR non-shooting guest(s).
	5. Shooters under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an authorized shooter.
	6. Persons drinking or under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted on the property.
	7. Eye and ear protection must be worn on ALL firearms ranges AT ALL TIMES .
	8. Shooters or guests who damage or destroy range property are liable for the cost of repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed property.
	9. Shooters are responsible for returning all equipment to the Range Officer prior to departing facility.
	10. Shooters are responsible for picking-up litter, brass, or other shooting debris from around their shooting station.
	11. Shooters will only use authorized targets. The Range Officer will approve all targets. We reserve the right to prohibit targets we deem offensive or unsafe.
	12. Firearms and ammunition are subject to inspection.
	13. Firearms shall be unloaded and cased with the action open while entering or leaving the range area.
	14. Firearms must be handled in a safe manner at all times. Always keep the muzzle pointed downrange.
	15. Keep your finger off the trigger, outside the trigger guard, until ready to fire or until the command “COMMENCE FIRING” has been given.
	16. Keep the action open and firearm unloaded until ready to use.
	17. Fully automatic and rapid fire is prohibited. Rapid fire is defined as one shot per second or faster.
	18. Operational (HOT) ranges are identified by the red range flag.
	19. The command “CEASE FIRE” will be observed immediately, no matter who says it. Anyone can call a cease-fire. All shooters will immediately clear and ground (or holster) firearms and step back from the firing line in order to make it safe.

	20. When the range is cleared for shooters to go down-range, all firearms will be unloaded, magazines removed, actions or slides locked back, or cylinders swung open and grounded. FIREARMS WILL NOT BE HANDLED WHILE SHOOTERS ARE DOWN-RANGE. During special training/qualification periods, handguns may have safety engaged and holstered.
	21. Shooters observing any violations of range rules are required to make on-the-spot safety corrections or report safety violations to the Range Officer IMMEDIATELY.
	22. Tracer, armor piercing, white-phosphorus or incendiary, or other ammunition excessively destructive is prohibited on the ranges.
	23. Smoking and/or profanity are prohibited on all ranges.
	24. Do not run on any of the ranges.
	25. Use caution if your firearm fails to fire when the trigger is pulled. On rare occasions, a cartridge or shotgun shell may not fire. If this occurs, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction for one minute and then carefully open the action. A mechanical failure or broke part in the firearm may suddenly release the hammer or firing pin causing the cartridge to fire.
	26. Do not load firearms until in Sporting Clay shooting station. Load only TWO shot shell at a time.
	27. While on the Sporting Clays range, all persons must stay on designated trails. DO NOT CROSS THE FENCE FOR ANY REASON.
	28. Under no circumstances are shooters to work on or load the sporting clay machines.
	29. While on the Sporting Clay range, empty shot shells and trash must be picked-up and disposed of properly. Shot shells on the shooting station and trail side of the fence are to be picked-up: DO NOT CROSS THE FENCE to police-up expended shot shells.
	30. Do not stop at a Sporting Clay Station to “Practice.” When on the course, be courteous to other shooters and shoot through your round or yield to other shooters. Check-in with the Range Officer between rounds.
	31. While on the Sporting Clay range, carts (golf carts and push carts) are provided for your convenience. Misuse of the carts will result in expulsion from the range.
	32. While on the Sporting Clay range, DO NOT USE SHOT SHELLS LARGER THAN NUMBER 7 AND NO HIGH BRASS SHOT SHELLS.
	33. No broadheads on archery range.
	34. While on the rifle range, DO NOT SHOOT ACROSS RANGE LANES. Each shooting lane is clearly marked; change shooting tables in order to change lanes.
	35. Remove all targets from rifle range target stands and dispose of properly when finished.