



Wildlife Action, Inc. – Horry Chapter Trap/Skeet Standard Operating Procedure

I. USE OF THE RANGE

The following are the **ONLY** persons permitted to use the Wildlife Action, Inc. – Horry Chapter (WLAHC) Trap/Skeet Ranges:

- An adult member in good standing of WLAHC who has passed orientation.
- A guest of a WLAHC member in accordance with the By-laws of the club.
- Participants in organized shooting events and practices approved by the WLAHC Board of Directors (BOD).
- Students engaged in firearms training programs allowed by WLAHC BOD.

Shooters under 18 must be supervised by an adult member.

You Must sign in at the trap range before shooting, usually at the picnic table.

No one will enter the trap or skeet houses without authorization and approval from the Trap/Skeet Manager.

Live fire will only take place between 9am and dusk or during special times approved by the WLAHC BOD or Chief Range Safety Officer. During fall deer season all live fire will stop at 4pm.

The trap/skeet houses and equipment will only be available for use when the Trap/Skeet Manager or Assistant Manager(s) is present with the following exceptions:

- Special permission given by the BOD for a specific event.
- Amateur Trapshooting Association Events.
- Youth shooting events when an authorized coach is present.
- By permission of the BOD, Chief RSO or Trap/Skeet Manager.

II. FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

Firearms permitted:

- Any Shotgun

Ammunition permitted:

- No shot larger than 7 ½ will be fired on the trap/skeet fields.

III. SHOOTING RULES

Shooting must be from the authorized firing line with the following exceptions:

- Special permission given by the BOD for a specific event.
- When there are no other shooters on the authorized firing line, a shooter may move closer to a trap house or other areas of the field for training purposes.

Under no circumstances may anyone at the authorized firing line handle any firearms while any person(s) is downrange of the firing line.

- If a “CEASE FIRE” is called:
 - a. STOP FIRING IMMEDIATELY

- b. UNLOAD ALL FIREARMS
- c. KEEP ACTIONS OPEN and RACK YOUR FIREARM

Upon completion of a shooting session, the shooter is required to:

- Pick up all empty shells, ammunition packaging, and other debris from the shooting area.

d. RANGE SAFETY

When present, a Range Safety Officer (RSO) has complete control of the shooting activities and conduct of the shooters. When there is no RSO, all members are to act as RSO's and are responsible for their actions and those around them. Commands given by a Range Safety Officer must be obeyed immediately. Failure to do so will be cause for revocation or suspension of range privileges. The Range Safety Officer may, at his/her discretion, stop anyone from shooting if they feel that they represent an unsafe condition.

The following range safety rules are to be followed at all times:

- Everyone must follow the Four Basic Rules of Firearm Safety at all times:
 - Treat all guns as if they are loaded.
 - Never point a gun at anything you are not willing to shoot, kill or destroy.
 - Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
 - Be sure of your target, what is in line with it, and what is beyond it.
- Keep all shotguns pointed in a safe direction, or in the provided storage racks.
- Keep shotgun unloaded & actions open until the shooter is on the trap/skeet concrete pad and it is their turn to shoot. Firearms will be unloaded & actions open before the shooter steps off the pad.
- When finished firing on pad 5 (trap) exit right to insure you do not "sweep" others on the firing line.
- No person will go forward of the firing line until all firearms on the line are safe with actions open, slides back and firearms placed back in gun racks. It is the shooter's responsibility to ensure that the line is safe.
- No handling of firearms while anyone is down range.
- Shooters who are licensed for concealed carry or open carrying are considered "SAFE" and may go forward of the firing line while holstered. The firearm shall always remain in the holster and untouched. If a holstered firearm is handled at any time while at WLAHC, then that firearm is considered "HOT" and all range rules apply until the carrier leaves the range.
- EYE AND EAR protection are mandatory while inside of the white fence area, whether you are firing or not.

The following are FORBIDDEN for health and safety reasons:

- Eating or drinking while on the firing line.
- Smoking while on the firing line.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages on WLAHC property.
- Loud talking or other distractions while people are shooting.

e. RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS

The Board of Directors and the Chief Range Safety Officer shall appoint Range Safety Officers who will be responsible for the safe operation and conduct of all events and practices, whether scheduled

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or not, that take place on the Trap/Skeet Fields. Range Safety Officer selection criteria will be determined by the Chief Range Safety Officer.

The duties of a Range Safety Officer may include, but are not limited to:

- Operation of the range during scheduled and unscheduled events and practices.
- Certification of new members in rifle and/or pistol.
- Clarification of any range rule or dispute.
- Enforcement of all range rules.

Shooters must immediately obey any and all commands of the Range Safety Officer. Failure to do so may result in suspension or revocation of the range privileges.

f. **VIOLATIONS OF RANGE RULES**

Any member violating these rules or conducting themselves in an unsafe or non-sportsman like manner may have their privilege of using the Trap/Skeet Fields suspended or revoked. The Board of Directors has the right to suspend or revoke a person's privilege to use the Trap/Skeet Ranges for ALL ACTIVITIES as provided in the WLAHC by-laws.

Range Safety Officers may have any person removed from the premises if the Range Safety Officer feels that the person is conducting themselves in an unsafe or non-sportsman like manner.

All members are urged to report violations to the Chief Range Safety Officer, an appointed Range Safety Officer or the Board of Directors for action.

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