EUSTIS GUN CLUB INC.

Basic Club Safety and General Rules

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General Rules

These range rules have been established to ensure the safety of those individuals who use this facility and the surrounding community at large.

These rules must be followed. It is the responsibility of the member to stay current and understand the rules and follow them. Any member found violating any safety rule or policy may be issued a WRITTEN WARNING (WW), by the Range Safety Officer (RSO) on duty who observed the violation. The issuance of a WW shall be at the discretion of the RSO. The WW will describe the infraction, and a copy will be given to the member. The WW will be given to the Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) for review and filing. The WW will be expunged from the file, if the infraction or another is not committed within a year. However if the same infraction is observed again or another infraction is observed by an RSO, another WW will be written up by the RSO and handed to the CRSO for review. The CRSO will investigate the second WW. Depending on the outcome of the CRSO’s investigation he/she may issue an INCIDENT REPORT (IR) that will be submitted to the Board of Directors (BOD) for review and action. The member has the right to appeal any WW to the CRSO and issuing RSO. However an IR will receive a complete review by the BOD and the results/action will be final. The IR review will be undertaken at a mutually agreed (date/time) special closed meeting of the BOD with the cited member in attendance, and invited parties the BOD and the member wish to invite. In the event the member chooses not to attend the meeting, the BOD shall ask said member to communicate his or her wishes in writing. The member could be stripped of his/her membership. However, this action will only be taken with great restraint and only for a WILLFUL, EGREGIOUS SAFETY, or SPORTSMANSHIP violation.

ALL FIREARMS SHALL BE UNLOADED and ENCASED WHEN ARRIVING AT EGC.

Anyone un-casing a loaded firearm will be ask to leave EGC for the day. A WW may be written up by the RSO and forwarded to the CRSO for review and action.

Concealed Carry is NOT RECOMMENDED.

Obey all commands from the Range Safety Officers (RSO). One or more RSO(s) will be on duty (roving patrol) during all open hours and may be contacted via cell phone at the number shown on the RSO duty roster and numerous other locations on EGC property. The RSO cell phone is an important piece of EGC’s safety equipment. The RSO cell phone is NOT to be used to check the weather or any other non-safety related subject. Please no personal calls!

EYE and EAR PROTECTION is MANDATORY and shall be worn at all times.
**NO PHYSICAL** or **VERBAL ALTERCATION** will be **TOLERATED**. Both parties will be required to leave EGC. A WW may be written up by the RSO and forwarded to the CRSO for review and action. Members are expected to purport themselves as genteel men and women. The good sportsmanship code of conduct requires the member to conduct themselves in a manner that is courteous and will not offend another member(s). A member or members exhibiting the lack of civilized sportsmanship like behavior towards another person on EGC property will receive a WW and be required to leave EGC property forthwith. A review of the WW will be conducted by the CRSO. Repeated unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disciplinary action by the EGC Board.

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY** EGC will not tolerate sexual harassment by any employee, staff, member or guest. Sexual harassment means unwelcome or unwanted sexual advances or verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

**ALCOHOL and DRUGS** are strictly **PROHIBITED** on EGC property. Anyone bringing alcohol or illegal drugs to EGC or under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited from shooting and will be expelled from EGC. A WW will be written up by the RSO and forwarded to the CRSO for review and action.

Observe posted (5 MPH) speed limit.

**SAFE FIREARMS HANDLING IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL MEMBERS.** Any person witnessing any unsafe action should (with tact) point out the safety issue to the party involved and/or report it to the RSO. SAFETY IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY.

Keep guns pointed in the ONLY SAFE (toward the berm) direction. Note! This includes guns left in the case in multi gun cases, on the firing line.

Shoot only paper, plastic, clay, steel top pivoted swinger or silhouette type targets. **NO BOTTLES, NO CANS, NO TREES, CLUB FIXTURES OR ANY ITEM NOT DESIGNED TO BE A TARGET.**

Membership cards must be worn in plain view at all times.

All shooters (Members, Probationary Members and Guests) arriving at EGC must, **SIGN IN** (on the form provided) at the EGC storage building, on left, opposite range 8 (100 yards). On the sign in form there is a space for a membership number. Probationary Members should enter “PRO” and Guests should enter “GST”. **SIGN OUT** when you leave. Shotgun shooters will **SIGN IN** at the venue with the shoot coordinator.

Shooting guests are required to sign a waiver form and pay the daily fee before using the range. Members are limited to 4 shooting guests. After a shooting guest has used the range 4 times he/ she is required to join the club if he/she lives in or is a seasonal resident in central FL. Guests shall wear in plain view a Guest Badge at all times. Guest Badges are available on the sign in cart. Please return the Guest Badges when leaving EGC.

Members are responsible for their guests and making them aware of range rules and directly supervising them at all times.
Membership runs from July 1st to June 30th of the following year. The member will submit proof of NRA membership, a check for the dues + $10.00 INS fee). Life Members are required to submit (in July) a check for $10.00 (INS fee) to renew yearly.

**INJURIES** - We appreciate that all members and their guests do their utmost to ensure everyone’s safety, but occasionally injuries do occur. If an injury requires professional, medical treatment it must be reported to the RSO on duty. Club policy requires the RSO to write up an injury report. The report will list the name of the injured party, any witness’s names, date and time, nature of injury, area of the club where the incident happened, what action was taken to help the injured party. The incident will be investigated by a committee appointed by the BOD and any safety hazard mitigated if required. The committee will submit a full, written report to the BOD after the investigation is completed.

**BULLETIN BOARD POLICY** - Member only posting: Postings shall be no larger than 8 1/2 x 5 1/2, dated, gun, shooting or hunting related. Poster will take down any posting after 30 days. Item may be reposted again but must be refreshed and re-dated by the person posting.

**EGC MEMBER NRA OR FFW INSTRUCTORS**

EGC Member NRA or FFW Instructors using EGC facilities, for the live fire portion of your classes, will provide EGC with a copy of you’re:

# 1 Instructor and Chief Range Safety Officer Certification (NRA or FFW)

# 2 Insurance Liability ($1,000,000) Cover Letter

# 3 Lake County or appropriate Business License

# 4 Students Information (name, address and email) and a copy of the certificate given to them.

# 5 Pay a “Student Fee” of $10.00 each

# 6 Member Instructors will follow EGC Rules and limit the Student number to 4 at any one time.

# 7 The class will be arranged in advance with the CRSO

Member Instructor upon arrival at EGC will present him or herself to the RSO on duty. The Member and each Student will Sign In and the Student will fill out the EGC waiver form, and pay the “Student Fee”. After the above formalities the Member and Students may go to the appropriate shooting venue and conduct the live fire portion. Upon completion of the class the Member and Student will sign out and leave EGC. The “Student Fee” shall not apply to EGC members.

**WILDLIFE** - DO NOT SHOOT THE WILDLIFE!!! From time to time the range venue you are on may be visited by one of God’s wonderful creatures (wild turkey, snakes, lizards, armadillo, coyote, sandhill crane, song birds, squirrel, alligator). All of the above have been seen on our ranges and we want to keep it that way. So again DO NOT SHOOT THE WILDLIFE.
**BRASS/SHOT SHELLS** - Notice to all! Fired cartridge cases (BRASS) or shotshell hulls belong to the shooter. Brass or shotshell hulls are not to be picked up until such time as the shooter has left the area or the shooter has given permission for someone other than him or herself to pick up and have the brass or shotshell hulls.

**ITEMS FOUND ON EGC PROPERTY** - Items will be listed on the bulletin boards under (Lost and Found) and will be stored until the next Swap Meet. If the item is left for 30 days or more it will be considered “abandoned” and sold at “silent auction’ at the next Swap Meet, to the highest bidder. Proceeds from the auction will go to the EGC general fund or the 4H, as directed by the bidder. Firearms found on EGC property will be held by the RSO on duty when the firearm was found. The RSO will copy and hold a copy of the “Sign-in” sheet for the shift when the firearm was found. The RSO will try to contact (via phone) members who had signed in the shift before the firearm was found. If the firearm is not claimed in 30 days, EGC will file a found firearm report with the Lake County Sheriff Department and ask them to run a stolen firearms check. If the report comes back clean and the firearm is not claimed after 90 days. The firearm will be considered “Abandoned” and will be included in the “Silent auction” at the next swap meet. Proceeds from the auction will go to the EGC general fund or the 4H, as directed by the bidder.

**OUR RANGES RUN ON THE HOT OR COLD PRINCIPLE** - When the range is COLD, for ranges with BLUE LIGHTS, the light will be ILLUMINATED. All un-cased firearms shall be unloaded with their actions open, cylinder/chamber empty, and magazines removed and pointed down range. Firearms shall not be handled and all persons must stay behind the RED LINE, if the range is so equipped. On ranges not equipped with a BLUE LIGHT the same range safety procedures will apply.

When the range is HOT, for ranges with the BLUE LIGHTS, the light will be EXTINGUISHED.

At this time shooters are allowed to handle firearms. The Un-casing of firearms MUST BE DONE ON THE FIRING LINE AND POINTED DOWN RANGE, not behind the RED LINE.

Encased firearms are allowed to be brought to the firing line during a HOT or COLD range but NOT UN-CASED until a HOT range is called. RECASING is allowed only during a HOT range AT THE FIRING LINE.

**NOTE!!! CASE TO GUN - NOT GUN TO CASE**

Before CALLING a range HOT or COLD make sure ALL of the SHOOTERS are AWARE of your INTENTIONS. The PERSON calling for a COLD range assumes the RESPONSIBILITY of physically CHECKING ALL FIREARMS to ensure that they are UNLOADED with their ACTIONS OPEN, cylinder/chamber empty, magazines removed, and POINTED TOWARD THE BERM.

All shooters/guests not changing, adding, or removing targets on a COLD range are to remain behind the RED LINE.

Whenever moving a firearm to another shooting position on the same range it must be UNLOADED with the action open, cylinder/chamber empty, magazine removed and the muzzle pointed up. Firearms must be encased to move from one range to another.
Make sure all rounds **IMPACT THE BERM** and do not ricochet off the ground, target or stand.

**SPECIAL RULES FOR MUZZLELOADING FIREARMS** All powder must remain on the

Benches behind the firing line and RED LINE. Primers must be kept on the firing line. Firearms will be loaded (powder/ball) behind the firing line using the holders provided by the club. Firearms will be carried to the firing line with the muzzle pointed up. Once the firearm is benched on the firing line it may be primed.

**TOY GUNS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** The use of ARMOR PIERCING, TRACER, INCENDIARY AMMUNITION and 50 CALIBER BMG and CASE DERIVATIVES THERE OF (like ChevTac 408 & others) are PROHIBITED.

Clean up your area and pick up brass and any gun cleaning items and muzzleloader (patches, wads) litter before leaving. Remove targets from target backers.

NFA (National Firearms Act) controlled devices must be declared to the RSO and the paperwork presented to the RSO before going to a shooting range.

**NO FULLY AUTOMATIC FIREARMS OR SLIDE/BUMP FIRE/ TRIGGER ACTIVATED DEVICES ARE ALLOWED ON EGC PROPERTY!!!!!!!**

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**RANGE SPECIFIC RULES**

**Ranges 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 20 yard** Multi-use Ranges (Pocket Berms and Range 6)

Ranges 1 thru 5 & 6 have a common firing line, **NOT GOVERNED** with a **BLUE LIGHT**.

Ranges 1 thru 5 are available on a first come first serve bases. For safety reasons you are not required to share Ranges 1 thru 5 with another party. In the event two separate parties of shooters agree to share Range 1 thru 5 (Pocket Berm), the shooters will talk to each other and establish a common firing line and relocate the shooting/equipment tables to the common firing line. **NO ONE** will **HANDLE** any **FIREARM or AMMUNITION** when **ANYONE** is **FORWARD (TOWARD THE BERM)** of the **COMMONLY AGREED FIRING LINE**

It is every shooters responsibility to ensure that all guns on the range are unloaded (holstered or benched) and safe (cylinder/chamber empty, action open, magazine removed, action open) prior to moving down range for any reason.

The Shooter will at all times set up his/her equipment so that his/her firearm(s) when un-cased or benched will be pointed in the only safe direction (toward the berm). The shooter will always have the shooting table between him or herself and the berm. Unless he or she is moving forward of the shooting table to engage the target. The shooter will not move with a loaded firearm. Auto pistol shooters will load the magazine into the pistol only when in place and ready to engage the target. Revolver shooters may load the cylinder at the shooting table but must not close the cylinder until in place and ready to
engage the target. After engaging the target and ready to return to the shooting table, the shooter will ensure the firearm is unloaded magazine out or cylinder open, pointed toward the berm not at the ground or up into the air, before moving.

The shooters are expected to return the shooting tables to the Ten Yard line before leaving Range 1 thru 5.

Shooters will provide their own target stands. No fully metal framed target stands may be used.

Steel(top pivot) targets may be used but only shot with unjacketed or plated lead bullets, and must be placed at the base of the berm, except during Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) practice or matches (on Range 6).

The RSO has the final approval as to the type of target or stand used.

Only paper, plastic, clay, steel swingers (top pivot) type or silhouette targets may be used. NO BOTTLES, NO CANS, NO TREES, NO CLUB FIXTURES OR ANY ITEM NOT DESIGNED AS A TARGET MAY BE USED.

No high powered bottleneck (like .223,.308, 30-06,.300 WIN MAG) rifle cartridges allowed. Straight case walled cartridges (like 44/45 long colt, 38 special /357, .22LR/L/S, .30 caliber carbine) may be used. Bottleneck pistol cartridges (like 30 caliber Luger, 357 Sig, .17 HMR) may be used. No straight walled heavy rifle caliber rounds like the 45-70 or similar may be used on these ranges.

.22 LR may be used on steel (top pivot) swinger or silhouette type targets with unjacketed or plated lead bullets only.

Shotgun clay targets may be placed on the berm and used as targets.

Shotguns may be used with any size shot, except slugs.

Holsters may be used only on ranges 1,2,3,4 & 5. Practice drawing from the holster is allowed.

No shooting from behind the 20 yard marker on the wall, on Ranges 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5.

When the range is COLD firearms must be kept in the holster or benched (with the ejection port/cylinder facing up) and unloaded, cylinder/chamber empty, magazine removed.

Holsters may not be used on any other range with the exception of scheduled matches.

Do not pick up brass with firearm in your hand. Bench (action open, cylinder/chamber empty, magazine removed, ejection port up) or holster (magazine removed and hammer down) your firearm.

When setting targets make sure firearms are unloaded, cylinder/chamber empty, magazine removed, benched or holstered.

SHOOTING on the MOVE is permitted on ranges 1,2,3,4 & 5 only.
Range 6 - for Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) only, except during matches

Range 6 has a common firing line NOT GOVERNED with a BLUE LIGHT. It is every shooters responsibility to ensure that all guns are unloaded (holstered or benched) and safe (action open, cylinder/chamber empty, magazine removed, hammer down) prior to moving down range for any reason.

When signing into the EGC facility, identify yourself to the RSO as a CAS and show your LCP (Lake County Pistoleros) identification.

EGC general rules will be followed.

CAS long firearms may be transported un-cased to range 6 in your gun cart or hand but must be unloaded with the action open.

Holstered pistols carried outside of range 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 must be unloaded, magazine removed and the hammer down.

Any damage to Range 6 buildings or targets will be reported to the RSO immediately and reported to a LCP Committee Member at the earliest convenience.

Prior to leaving Range 6, all buildings will be returned to closed condition. Windows and door closed and secured; shotgun hulls and brass cleaned up.

Range 7 - 25/50 yard Multi-use Range

This range operates with the BLUE LIGHT HOT and COLD principle. See basic Safety and Club Rules.

The target backers and shooting benches are color coded. Each yardage division will have target backer and shooting benches showing the same color code and are to be used as a pair. Please pay attention as to the yardage division you want to shoot.

Handguns, rim fire or straight walled, handgun type, cartridge rifles and muzzle loading firearms may be used on this range. NO large caliber rifle (like 45-70, 45-90) cartridges.

.22 LR steel swinger (top pivot) type or silhouette targets may be used but must be placed at the base of the berm at 50 yards below the target backers.

Paper targets must be placed on the 25/50 yards using target boards provided by EGC. No clay targets may be used on this range.

In the event ranges 1,2,3,4 & 5 are all in use, special arrangements can be made with the RSO to set up short range(5,7,10 and 15 yards) target stands, The targets MUST be set up so the fired round will impact the berm and not leave the range.
Range 8 - 25/50/75/100 yard Rifle Range

This Range operates with the **BLUE LIGHT HOT** and **COLD** principle. See basic Safety and Club Rules.

The target backers and shooting benches are color coded. Each yardage division (25, 50, 75, 100) will have target backers and shooting benches showing the same color code and are to be used as a pair. Please pay attention as to the yardage division you want to shoot. There may be a repeat of the same color code on the 100 yard section and other yardage division. Some of the target backers will have two shooting benches with the same color code, there backers are to be shared between the two shooting benches.

Any modern rifle smaller than 50 caliber or case derivatives thereof, shotguns (slugs only) or muzzleloading rifles/muskets may be used on this range.

Scoped or iron sighted hunting or contender type handguns are allowed on this range.

All un-cased firearms must be kept on the firing line shooting benches with the muzzle pointing toward the berm. Un-cased firearms are not allowed behind the RED LINE, except to move from one shooting position to another. Encased firearms not in use will be kept on the firing line on the adjacent shooting bench or under the shooters bench, with the firearm inside pointed toward the berm.

Paper targets are to be place on target boards provided by the club.

.22 LR steel swinger (top pivot) type or silhouette targets may be used but only shot with unjacketed lead bullets and placed at the base of the berm below the target boards.

No clay targets may be used on this range.

Range 9 - 200 meter rifle range

All range 8 rules apply here plus the following:

The target backers and the shooting benches are color coded. Target backers and shooting benches showing the same color are to be used as a pair.

The gate on the access road shall remain closed while the range is HOT. When the range is COLD the gate may be open and shooters may use the access road to drive down and post or retrieve targets. The BLUE LIGHT on the gate will be illuminated to indicate a COLD range.

Firearms must have been sighted in at 100 yards, before using this range.

Shotgun Fields - Ranges 10, 11 & 12

No rifle or handgun shooting allowed in this area.
Shotguns may be un-cased at your car in the parking area of range 10, 11, 12 and brought to the shooting venue with the action open, bolt locked back, magazine empty.

Anyone parking outside of range 10, 11, 12 areas must bring your shotgun to the shooting venue encased. Handling (shouldering, sighting, swinging or looking at) a closed firearm in the parking area of range 10, 11, 12 is not permitted. The above handling shall be done “ON STATION” at one of the ranges.

Shotguns 10 Ga or smaller with 7 1/2 or smaller shot may be used to shoot skeet, sporting clays, trap, 5 stand and casual clay shooting.

Shooters wanting to sight in or pattern a shotgun with turkey or waterfowl loads, will use the special wooden patterning pallet board/frame, next to the steel patterning plate frame. Shooting benches and targets are to be provided by the shooter.

Casual clay target clay target shooting is allowed at the RSO’s discretion and direction. Casual clay target shooting must be undertaken at a safe time and manner, as the range and equipment dictate. A roster of authorized Casual Clay Target Shooters will be kept by the CRSO. To get your name on the above roster, the shooter will go through a tutorial on safe clay thrower operation and gun handling. No more than four (4) members may set up to shoot at any one time. Only one gun handler (shooter) may engage the thrown target(s) at a time. EGC will provide the target thrower. The RSO will instruct the shooters as to the safe operation of the target thrower. The shooter will use the shooting box frames provided. Shooters are not to relocate the thrower without the RSO permission. Shooters will supply their own clay targets. The shooters will pick up the fired shot hulls and boxing materials and dispose of it in the trash containers provided. The Casual clay target shooters are required to SIGN IN upon arrival at EGC and let the RSO know of their plan to shoot clay targets. At that time the RSO will provide the target thrower and locate it for the shooters. When the shooters have finished shooting they will inform the RSO and SIGN OUT.

No steel shot or lead shot larger than 7 1/2 may be used on the steel patterning plate.

No parking on the grassy shotgun field areas.

USE OF UNAPPROVED TARGETS OR PROHIBITED AMMUNITION MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF RANGE PRIVILEGES AND LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE RULES CONTACT A RANGE SAFETY OFFICER FOR CLARIFICATION.