

FLORIDA KEYS SHOOTING CLUB, INC.

RANGE ORIENTATION AND SAFETY BRIEFING

You must attend a Safety Briefing to be a member of the Club.

Any member or guest of a member, who is found by a Club Safety Officer, member of the Board of Director's, or any member in good standing, to be willfully violating the safety rules or doing willful damage to Club property shall be asked to stop shooting and leave the range. His or her membership to the club will be placed on suspension and their gate key and card taken by the Club.

Any member who loans out their key to anyone who is not a member or who copies the key and gives it out to others will have their membership suspended.

A member who has been suspended for any reason has the right to have the suspension reviewed by the Board of Director's in accordance with the Club By-laws. The member will be notified at least five (5) days before the review.

If the member's suspension is not made permanent by a majority vote of the Board, the member shall comply with all conditions set down by the Board, before membership is re-instated.

When you arrive at the range,

- **Sign in on the log book.**
- **Pay \$5.00 per guest!**

A Family Membership includes you, your spouse and children 18 and under.

SAFETY WITH FIREARMS

Memorize the “FOUR CARDINAL RULES” of firearm safety, and treat them with absolute seriousness.

I. **ALL GUNS ARE ALWAYS LOADED.**

A large percentage of firearms related mishaps occur with “unloaded” guns.

II. **NEVER LET THE NUZZLE COVER ANYTHING YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO DESTROY.**

This rule is continually violated, especially with handguns and excused with, “It’s not loaded.”

III. **KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER AND OUT OF THE TRIGGER GUARD UNTIL YOUR SIGHTS ARE ON THE TARGET.**

“The hand is quicker than the eye.” You cannot line up your sights faster than you can position your finger on the trigger.

IV. **BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET.**

Know what it is, what is in line with it, and what is behind it. Never shoot at anything you have not positively identified. Rounds must impact the berm.

FIREARM AND AMMUNITION RULES

1. This is a cold range. Do not bring loaded firearms to the range.
2. If you have a valid Florida CCW or you are a LEO you may carry a loaded firearm at the range as long as you comply with all the laws governing concealed carry.

You may not touch your firearm for any reason until the range is called HOT.

(Demonstrate proper removal)

MOVING A FIREARM

3. To move a firearm from one place to another, i.e. from a vehicle to the firing line or back, from one shooting station to another, from the 25 to the 50 yard range or back, from the concrete firing line to up close and back. From anywhere on the firing line to the plate machine or back.

Your firearm must be unloaded and in a case, range bag, box or empty in a holster before you can move it.

4. Do not load more than one firearm at a time unless you are at a Club sponsored event such as IDPA or Practical Practice.

If your firearm is loaded it must be in one of the following three places:

- a. concealed
- b. in your hand ready to engage your target
- c. in a holster with you off the concrete ready to engage your target

5. Do not use more than one firing station.
6. Do not uncase firearms until the range is HOT.
7. Firearms will be uncased at the firing line, with the muzzles pointing either up or down range.
8. No armor piercing or tracer ammunition is permitted; no exploding targets are permitted.

RANGE COMMANDS

1. Hot
2. Cold
3. Cease fire
4. Hot to handle

25/50 YARD RULES

1. Either range can be hot while the other is cold.
2. You can shoot UP CLOSE on either range.

SHOOTING UP CLOSE

1. All must agree to shoot up close. If all do not agree the firing line stays at the 25/50 yard line.
2. All firearms taken forward or brought back must be unloaded in a case, range bag, box or empty in a holster.

RANGE SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This is a cold range. All firearms are to be kept unloaded, the actions left open and be pointed either up or down range at all times.
2. Remember on a cold range you cannot touch any firearm.
3. When two or more members are present one must act as a Range Safety Officer at all times.
4. Use only paper or cardboard targets unless approved by a Range Safety Officer (this means that any non-paper/cardboard targets will most likely be restricted to Club events and competitions when a Club appointed Safety Officer is present).
5. Do not use throw targets for shotguns (clay targets).

6. Do not break the horizontal or vertical safety plane rule; keep your firearm pointed between the sides and top and bottom of the berm.
7. All rounds must hit the berm. Rounds that leave the range endanger human life.
8. Do not cross shoot at other shooters targets. This increases the chance of a ricochet.
9. Do not go past the firing line when the range is hot.
10. Eye and hearing protection is required at all times when shooting or at the firing line.
11. Members are responsible to ensure that their guests follow all range rules.
12. The range gate must be locked at all times when the range is hot; except for special events such as IDPA, Kids Club Shoot, and Practical Practice when a Club appointed Range Safety Officer is present.
13. Any Club appointed Range Safety Officer may at any time check or handle any firearm for safety.
14. In the event of a misfire wait at least 30 seconds before attempting to clear your firearm. Squibs – if it goes pop when it should have gone bang find out where the bullet is.
15. No fast or competition drawing is allowed at the 25/50 yard line due to the concrete. Move off the concrete to do fast draws.

100 YARD RANGE RULES

The 100 yard range is closed on Monday Federal holidays.

1. The 100 yard range is open on Mondays from noon until dusk and has priority over all other range activities. Normal shooting will stop at 1130 hours.
2. A Club appointed 100 yard Range Safety Officer must be present (otherwise the 100 yard range is closed).
3. The lock on the Range entry gate must be changed to a lock that only Safety Officers have a key to.
4. The 100 yard range in use sign must be placed on the Range entry gate.
5. Cars must be parked well away from the 25/50 yard firing lines.
6. Shots may be fired from inside or outside the 100 yard range shed.
7. All rounds must impact into the berm for safety. Remember that our range faces the ocean and people may be fishing.
8. Any member who is found shooting at the 100 yard line without a 100 yard Range Safety Officer present will have their key and card taken and have their membership suspended.
9. 100 yard Range Safety Officers may use the 100 yard range anytime there are no other shooters using the normal 25/50 yard ranges. Shooting at the 100 yard house must stop immediately if a member wants to shoot at the normal 25/50 yard ranges.

POLICING THE RANGE

1. All members and their guests must clean up their shooting stations.
2. Place non-reloadable brass in the trash cans provided.

3. If you have time try and do some extra clean-up.

EATING

You may eat at the firing line but we discourage it due to the lead dust.

ALCOHOL

Don't drink before you come to the range or drink while you're here.

DRUGS

1. Don't use illegal drugs before you come to the range or while you're here.
2. If you are using a new medication find out how you react to it before coming to the range.

PLATE MACHINE RULES **HAND GUNS ONLY!!**

1. When you sign your release form and Safety Brief forms, you will be acknowledging that you may get hit with backslash off the metal plates.
2. No one shall shoot at the plate machine with a rifle, shotgun, carbine or center fire rifle ammunition.
3. Handguns are restricted to .45 caliber or less.

4. No handguns like the S&W .500 magnum or the .480 Ruger and Thompson Center Arms Contender in any center fire rifle calibers.
5. No magnum ammunition can be used on the plate machine.
6. You cannot use .22 rifles or .22 magnum ammunition on the plate machine.

CLUB EVENTS

1. First Saturday of each month is IDPA.
2. Second Sunday is periodic Club meetings check website.
3. Third Saturday of each month is Practical Practice.
4. Fourth Sunday of each month is the Kids Shoot.
5. Every Wednesday is LEO (Law Enforcement) Day. Club members are not permitted on the Range when LEOs are at the Range.

YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH CLUB NEWS BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE OR YOU MAY CALL THE CLUB PHONE.