

# **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.

Violation of any of the Club's rules can lead to you being sent home for the day, being suspended or loss of your membership.

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 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.**
- **Put guests' names in 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 MUZZLE COVER ANYTHING YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO DESTROY.**

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

No matter where you are on this Range if there is someone between you and the berm and you handle an uncased firearm you are in violation of this rule.

### **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 RULES**

1. This is a cold range. Do not bring loaded or uncased 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 keep it covered.

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

3. Firearms will be uncased at the firing line, with the muzzles pointing either up or down range ONLY when the range is HOT.
4. Do not use more than one firing station.
5. Do not load more than one firearm at a time.
6. All firearms are to be kept unloaded, the actions left open, magazines out, or cylinders open.
7. To move a firearm from one place to another, it must be unloaded and in a case, range bag, box or in a holster.

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.
8. Do not lay loaded firearms down.
  9. Do not pass loaded firearms to someone else.
  10. In the event of a misfire wait at least 30 seconds before attempting to clear your firearm.
  11. Squibs – If it goes “pop” when it should have gone “bang” find out where the bullet is.
  12. 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.

## **AMMUNITION RULES**

No armor piercing or tracer ammunition is permitted; no exploding targets are permitted.

## **RANGE SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. When two or more members are present one must act as a Range Safety Officer.
2. Use only paper or cardboard targets unless approved by a Club appointed Range Safety Officer.
3. All targets are to be placed on the Clubs' target stands at 25/50 yards.
4. Do not use throw targets for shotguns (clay targets).
5. Keep your firearm pointed between the sides and top and bottom of the berm.
6. All rounds must hit the berm. Rounds that leave the range endanger human life.
7. Do not cross shoot at other shooters targets. This increases the chance of a ricochet.
8. Do not go past the firing line when the range is hot.
9. Eye and hearing protection is required at all times when shooting or at the firing line.
10. Members are responsible to ensure that their guests follow all range rules.
11. The range gate must be locked at all times when the range is hot; except for special events when a Club appointed Range Safety Officer is present.
12. Any Club appointed Range Safety Officer may at any time check or handle any firearm for safety.

## **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.
3. If you are shooting up close on the 50 yard side and a rifle shooter shows up you must move back to the concrete.
4. 25 yard side shooters must split range time between up close and 25 yards.
5. All firearms taken forward or brought back must be unloaded and in a case, range bag, box or in a holster.

## **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 any handgun that shoots center fire rifle ammunition.
3. Handguns are restricted to .45 caliber or less.
4. 5.7 x 28 is a hand gun cartridge and is okay.
5. No magnum ammunition can be used on the plate machine.

### **100 YARD RANGE RULES**

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. The 100 yard range is closed on Federal holidays that fall on Mondays.
3. 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.

### **POLICING THE RANGE**

1. All members and their guests must clean up their shooting stations.
2. Put spent shell casings in the 5 gallon buckets. NOT IN THE TRASH CANS.
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.

There is a place on your Release Form for your e-mail address. Having your e-mail address will allow the Club to notify you of any changes to the schedule, Club news, etc. Your e-mail address will not be shown on the e-mail.

## **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 CALLING THE CLUB PHONE OR GOING TO OUR WEBSITE. IF OUR WEBSITE IS ON YOUR FAVORITES LIST YOU WILL NEED TO PUSH REFRESH TO GET THE CURRENT INFORMATION FROM THE WEBSITE.