

# STMTC Blackhawk Range Facility Rules

## Certification of Individual Responsibility and Understanding

The STMTC Range is a private facility, provided for our exclusive use through the good graces and generosity of Blackhawk Shooting Complex.

**Overview:** Use of the STMTC Blackhawk range is a privilege, not a right. To exercise this privilege, STMTC members, their escorted guests, and non-member event participants must read and indicate understanding of this guidance (the "Rules") by signing below. The purpose of the Rules is to ensure the safety of all persons present on the STMTC range, adjoining ranges, and adjoining private property, and to prevent damage to range property, adjoining properties, and additionally includes target frames and firing line furnishings. Failure to comply with the Rules may result in suspension or complete loss of access to the STMTC Range, and depending on the severity of the infraction, possible termination of STMTC membership, as may be decided by the STMTC Board of Directors. In addition to the "Range Safety Rules" prominently posted on the Firing Line at the STMTC Black Hawk Range facility, the Board emphasizes the following additional rules.

**Muzzle Control:** *Safety is paramount.* Always keep the muzzle pointed downrange and below the top of the berm. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

**Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI):** During organized events (except for Defensive Rifle or Pistol events), an ECI is required to be inserted appropriately at all times, in all firearms, when removed from their carrying case, except when on the firing line and after the event director indicates removal is allowed. Additionally, ECIs are always encouraged as an ideal habit for casual shooters when practicing on the range, even when alone. It just makes sense for it to be second nature to always insert an ECI whenever not actively firing. The only logical exception is when cleaning a firearm within the range area.

**Targets:** Non-event or casual practice shooters are responsible for bringing their own target materials. For example, frame poles/boards, stapler/staples, paper, cardboard, or foam-board. Casual users are allowed to use the various target line post-holes and portable target bases to erect target frames with their own wood poles. The target area of the target frame should be located so that rounds will impact the berm after passing through the target. Clays may be placed low on the berm (not above midway) to use as targets, but clays shall not be placed on the railroad ties. All targets must be backed up completely by a berm. Rocks are not allowed as targets; never shoot at a rock.

**Ammunition allowed:** Target, competition, and hunting loads are allowed. Military issue or military specification ammunition may be used in organized service rifle or vintage rifle matches and practices.

**Ammunition NOT allowed:** Any steel Armor Piercing (AP) or M855/SS109 Green Tip or Tracer ammunition.

**Firearms allowed:** All centerfire, rimfire, black powder, and shotgun firearms are allowed (rifles up to .35 caliber). Use of rifle firearm calibers large than .35 caliber, and any .50 BMG caliber or full-auto firearms, must be approved by Blackhawk Range Management Office each time, on a case-by-case basis.

**Trash:** What you bring to the range, you take from the range when you leave. This means, for example, but is not limited to: food and food wrappers, discarded ammo boxes, beverage containers (cans and bottles), target materials, etc.

**Brass:** Do not leave any brass lying around on the ground. Police it up and place in the several “Brass” containers provided at the covered firing line, and labeled as such. The brass collected in the barrels is STMTC property, and is sold to a recycler to augment the STMTC Scholarship Fund. Place collected brass in the Brass Collection Barrels provided on the firing line. If you see brass left from a previous shooter or event, police it up and deposit that, too. Everybody needs to put in the extra effort to keep our range clean, neat, and tidy for the enjoyment of all. The appearance of the range is the first impression for non-members who come to participate in an organized training event or match.

**Guests:** All guests must be accompanied by a member, must sign in at the office, and must read, acknowledge, and sign the Rules to indicate understanding of this guidance. The STMTC member is responsible for the conduct of their guests at all times within the STMTC range area.

**Blackhawk Range Staff:** STMTC members and guests must immediately adhere to any on-the-spot guidance provided to them by Blackhawk Range Staff. No arguing. No discussion except to ensure understanding of staff guidance.

My signature below certifies that I have read and understood these Rules, and that I agree to comply with them in order to have continued access to the STMTC Range at the Blackhawk Shooting Complex.

**Print name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_