

**General Rules for Safety** - Every shooter's first, second and third responsibility on the ranges of ORSA is safety, safety, safety. If you see something wrong or improper – TAKE IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTION.

When you get out of your vehicle and take your gun out of its case or container, open the breech or lock the bolt to the rear and visually inspect the chamber to ensure the weapon is not loaded.

As ORSA members you are charged with the **SAFETY** of all participants who may use our facility at all times you are present on ORSA property. **SAFETY** is everyone's responsibility. Remember many of the visitors may not have the knowledge or required experience to be left completely unsupervised while on the ranges.

Your observation and attention may be required in greater measure in some instances.

### **Specific Rules for Safety**

1. Always keep the muzzle of the firearm pointed in a safe direction. A "safe" direction is defined as downrange towards the target area or straight up. Downrange is defined as between the two trap houses in the direction of the range calibration stake.
2. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire. You shall keep your finger off the trigger until ready to call for your bird.
3. Keep the action open and the firearm unloaded until ready to use. Shotguns may be placed in the shotgun racks during a cease fire and when not in use. Break action shotguns may be closed while in the rack, but must be opened as soon as they are removed from the rack. All other shotgun action types shall have the action open while on the range or in the rack unless the shooter is on a station and ready to shoot.
4. Be aware of your target area and what is beyond. Know where others are at all times. The downrange area shall be checked before any firing commences. Look for mowers, rifle shooters on the 900 yard line, or vehicles on the rifle range road. Non-shooters must be in the safety zones immediately behind the current shooting station or completely off the range before loading or shooting commences.
5. Eye and hearing protection is required for everyone on the range while the range is "HOT". Eye protection is defined as lenses covering your eyes. Half glasses (reading glasses) are not appropriate eye protection. Eye protection will be worn so it covers your eyes. Hearing protection will be worn over or in the ears. A hat or cap of some sort is recommended but not required.
6. Be sure your firearm and ammunition are compatible. Carry only the correct gauge shells for the shotgun you are currently shooting. When switching to a different gauge barrel or shotgun, store the shells that were previously being used.
7. For skeet, the shooting squads will be no more than six (6) persons.
8. Do not load or fire your shotgun unless you are on a shooting station. A shotgun is considered loaded when the chamber or any part of the shotgun is occupied by a shell or hull, and shall be treated as a loaded shotgun.
9. Two shells may be loaded on all stations with the exception of Station #8. On Station #8 only one shell may be loaded. At no time will more than two shells be loaded in a shotgun on the Skeet Range.
10. Shotguns will be unloaded and the action will be open before stepping off the firing station. If a gun or trap malfunction occurs or the house runs out of birds the shotgun will be completely unloaded and action opened before any shooter steps off the station or before anyone traverses the range outside the safety zone
11. If a shell misfires keep the shotgun pointed downrange for a minimum of 30 seconds before unloading. Do not place the misfired shell in your pocket or pouch.
12. Remove the magazine, shells, snap caps, or hulls from any part of the firearm, unload the chamber, open the action, and rack all firearms during a cease fire.
13. Any shooter whose shotgun accidentally discharges for mechanical reasons shall be required to change shotguns or, if time permits, make repairs before continuing to shoot.

14. A skeet or trap range will not be used if the mowers are present.
15. Only one shooter may fire at a time, and only one shot per clay (target) is permitted.
16. No shot larger than #7 ½ shall be used on the skeet or trap range, no tracer or incendiary type shells shall be used. Violators will be subject to suspension.
17. Only legal modern 12, 16, 20, 28, and .410 gauge shotguns may be fired. Under no circumstances shall pistols, rifles, or black powder firearms be used on the skeet or trap range.
18. Only clay targets thrown from the skeet and trap houses are allowed.
19. Shooters may not advance to the next station until all shooters in the group have completed the current shooting station. Shooters in waiting and spectators must be in the safety zone behind the current station.  
Shooters and spectators may not be on the walkways between shooting stations during any shooting activity. Spectators may also observe from the shelter.
20. The use of the field shall be limited to 30 minutes or one regulation round of skeet if groups are waiting to use the skeet or trap range.
21. Only members who have completed training AND are certified may enter the trap houses. Under no circumstances are any guests, or other persons other than trained and certified members are to enter the trap houses, load clay targets, open trap house windows, retrieve objects from within the trap houses, or operate trap machine. Only authorized members are allowed to adjust or manipulate in any way the trap machines.
22. Except when shooting at Station 8, all persons on the skeet range will refrain from passing in front, or conducting activities in an area in front of the open trap house window where one is in danger of being struck by a clay target.
23. You are responsible to clean up the range when you have completed your shooting. All hulls must be removed from the range surface and disposed of in an appropriate manner. Empty clay boxes and other large containers shall be broken down to become flat, removed from the range and placed in the dumpster. If a range trash container is full it shall be emptied into the dumpster and returned to the range grounds.
24. After shooting is completed for the day and before leaving the range roll up the release cord and place it in the storage box, turn off the power to the trap machines, **release the arms of the trap machines (except for the Promatic trap machine)**, sweep out the trap houses, lower the trap house window, lock the trap houses, and turn off the main power in the shelter.
25. Do not mix alcohol or drugs with shooting activities. If a person is taking a prescription, over the counter drug bearing a warning about operating machinery, driving etc., or any substance which adversely affects their individual performance, that person will refrain from engaging in shooting activities until free from the effects of the drug or substance.
26. Absolutely NO shooting of hand thrown or mechanically thrown targets, other than targets thrown from the machines located inside the Skeet and Trap houses, is allowed.

### **Normal Spring to Fall Time Skeet & Trap Range Hours**

Wednesday 4:00pm – 7:00pm EST (Dependent upon officer availability)

Saturday 9:00am – 6:00pm EST

Sunday 12:00pm – 5:00pm EST

### **Winter Skeet and Trap Range Hours**

Wednesday 2:00pm – 5:00pm EST (Dependent upon officer availability)

Saturday 9:00am – 4:30pm EST

Sunday 12:00pm – 4:30pm EST