

Firearm Safety Policy

These **3 rules of basic firearm safety** shall be followed **at all times** while on The Bandon Gun Club, Inc. property:

1. Treat all guns as if they are always loaded.
2. Don't point the muzzle at something you don't plan on shooting.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

Detailed rules:

Clubhouse: You can take cased firearms into the clubhouse. When you uncase and assemble them, actions must immediately be opened and magazines removed. Firearms brought into the clubhouse uncased shall have the actions open and magazines removed. Break action shotguns and rifles may be closed to place in the gun rack, others must have the action open. When taking firearms from the clubhouse to a range, open the action, verify that the magazine is removed, and take them immediately outside, keeping them pointed up or down and not at people. Loaded handguns must be kept holstered. When wearing a shoulder holster, because the muzzle is always pointed at the person behind you, you shall conceal it under a cover garment.

Parking Lots: When you uncase and assemble firearms, actions must immediately be opened and magazines removed. Break action shotguns and rifles may be closed to place in a gun rack, others must have the action open. All muzzles must be pointed up or down and not pointed at people. Loaded handguns must be kept holstered. When wearing a shoulder holster, because the muzzle is always pointed at the person behind you, you shall conceal it under a cover garment.

"Show and Tell": "Show and Tell" is allowed in the clubhouse and in the parking lots. When you are doing "show and tell" all actions are open, magazines are not inserted, and ammunition and loaded magazines are not in the area. Do not point the muzzle at people. If you want to close the action or shoulder the firearm you must be at a firing line at one of the trap fields, a 5-stand platform, or the handgun shed. When at any firing line the muzzle must be kept pointed downrange at all times.

Tailgate Gunsmithing: Do yourself a favor and don't do it. Wait until you get back to your workshop and have the correct tools or take it to a gunsmith. If the firearm is loaded and the action is jammed, do not take it into the clubhouse. Drive to the back of the parking lot that is across the entry road from the clubhouse (southeast of the clubhouse), at the tree line, with your vehicle between your firearm and the clubhouse, and try not to put a hole in anything. While working on other firearm problems in the clubhouse, ammunition and loaded magazines for the firearm must not be in the area. Do not point the muzzle at people.

Patterning Board: The patterning board shall only be used when the east trap field is not in use. Stand to the right of the east trap field and not further forward of that trap field's shooting line. Put the target stand at the desired distance and aligned so that the shot stays inside of the cleared area (don't shoot into the trees).

Every club member is responsible for safety. If you see someone being unsafe, use the command "*open and show clear*". The person told to "*open and show clear*" will immediately point the muzzle in an up, down, or down range direction, open the action, and clear the firearm. No questions asked.

Note: No centerfire rifles are allowed to be fired anywhere on club property.

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General Safety Rules for Trap and 5-Stand Participants

These rules are for the safety of all people on The Bandon Gun Club, Inc. property and will be strictly enforced. See the Club's "Firearm Safety Policy" for more information.

Arrival at The Bandon Gun Club, Inc. Property

Upon arrival at The Bandon Gun Club, Inc. (Club) property, double check all of the guns you will be using to make sure they are unloaded and carry them with actions open to place them on the racks that are in the trap or 5-stand areas or bring them into the clubhouse. If you choose to keep your guns in your vehicle until you are ready to use them, they must still be double checked to ensure they are unloaded and they must be carried with the actions open.

Registration for Use of the Club Property

Every member, their dependents, and their guests MUST proceed to the window in the clubhouse where they will check in and, if necessary, complete any forms needed, before proceeding to either area for shooting.

Loaded Guns Are for Use at Stations Only

Trap shooting: For singles trap shooting, load only one (1) shell at your turn at your trap station. For doubles trap shooting, load only two (2) shells at your turn at your trap station. At station, guns must be pointed down range or skyward.

5-stand shooting: Load up to two (2) shells at your 5-stand station. More than two (2) shells in a gun's magazine or barrel are not permitted at 5-stand stations. At station, guns must be pointed down range or skyward.

Moving Between Stations

Your gun must be unloaded, with action open, when moving between trap and 5-stand stations. Barrels must be kept pointed down or skyward.

Youth Participants * on Club Property

Youth participants* must understand the rules and be accompanied by an adult participant** who is familiar with the gun the youth will be using.

Guns and Ammunition Allowed

Only 12 gauge and smaller gauges are permitted on Club property. Use only trap or target strength shells. The maximum 12 gauge load is 3 drams of powder equivalent and 1 1/8th ounce or less of shot, no larger than 7 ½. Hunting loads, "game loads", and magnum loads of any kind are not permitted.

Eye and Ear Protection

Eye and ear protection are required for all youth participants* and recommended for all adult participants**. Courtesy earplugs are available in the clubhouse.

** Youth participants are defined as those persons under eighteen (18) years of age and no younger than seven (7) years of age.*

*** Adult participants are defined as those persons eighteen (18) years of age or older.*

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