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Big Hollow Shooting Range Rules and Regulations

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1. All shooters must have their certification card with them. The first person on the range will assume the Range Officer position. He/she is in charge of range commands and appointing a Range Officer when he/she leaves the range. Most importantly, he/she is in charge of safety on the range.
2. All range users and guests must sign in and out on the forms provided inside the range buildings.
3. When shooting single-projectile firearms (such as rifles, pistols, or shotguns with slugs), shooters shall use only the target frames or reactive targets supplied and approved by the Des Moines County Conservation Director. Shooters must use cardboard or the backing furnished for the target frames. **Only paper targets on the frames are allowed; No other targets will be allowed or accepted.**
- 3a. On the 50 yard range, shooters may shoot at clay targets thrown from the provided clay target throwers. No other targets or target throwers may be used and clay target shooting may only be done from the designated shooting area halfway down the 50 yard range. Clay target shooting is not allowed anywhere else within Big Hollow.**
4. All projectiles, including shot, must impact the termination berm. All target frames on the 25 yard, 50 yard, 100 yard, and 300 meter ranges are permanently affixed and shall remain where installed.
5. Shooters must always know their target, use good judgment and be extremely cautious of what may be behind their target. Be aware there are homes and people beyond the shooting range and stray bullets from the range can cause damage to life and property. Shooters must always keep the muzzle of the firearm pointed in a safe direction.

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6. All loaded firearms must be pointed downrange at the termination berm.
7. All firearms shall be unloaded with action open until ready to fire.
8. All single-projectile firing shall be done from the firing line on the 50, 100, and 300 ranges. Shotguns shooting shot may be used on the firing line halfway down the range when actively shooting at clay targets thrown from the provided throwers. No other shooting is to be done from that line.
9. On the 25 and 50 yard ranges, shooters may move forward as a group under the direction of the Range Officer.
10. Only shooters, spotters, and coaches are allowed on the firing line while it is in operation. Spectators are to stay behind the firing line at all times.
11. All barrels should be checked for a bore obstruction before firing. Malfunctioning firearms should not be used. Only legal firearms are to be used.
12. All unsafe acts or situations on a range shall be corrected immediately.
13. Any person may call "CEASE FIRE" at any time they see an unsafe situation or act.
14. Upon the command "CEASE FIRE" all firearms will be unloaded immediately.
15. Eye and ear protection is required during active shooting.
16. Dry firing is permitted on the firing line only.
17. Make sure the correct ammunition for the firearm is being used.
18. Inexperienced shooters must be accompanied by experienced shooters.
19. All shooters should clean their target and firing station and, if applicable, pick up any clay target debris from shooting clays on the 50 yard range when they have completed their firing.
20. When shooters go downrange to change targets and score, the Range Officer must control movement by using standard range commands.

21. Clay pigeon shooting is only allowed from the firing line halfway down the 50 yard range and clay targets may only be thrown from the provided throwers. Only factory-made clay targets are to be thrown from the throwers. All shots fired at clay targets must impact the termination berm.

22. During heavy range usage there will be a 30 minute time limit.

23. Des Moines County Conservation reserves the right to close the shooting range at any time.

General Area Regulations

1. Loud or abusive language will not be permitted.

2. Alcoholic beverages or shooters having immediate prior consumption are prohibited at the shooting range complex.

3. During heavy use vehicles should be carefully parked, permitting all vehicles to exit the range area in a safe manner.

4. Please stay on the walkways.

5. Become a team member and pick up any trash or debris in the shooting area.

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