

WILDLIFE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO

Safety Rules and Membership Requirements

Rule 1: A firearm is always considered to be loaded and can accidentally discharge resulting in fatal injury. Therefore, any person shooting or handling firearms on the Wildlife Hunters Association of Colorado (WHAC) ranges shall:

- a. Never point the muzzle of a firearm at, or in the direction of any person(s) and only keep the muzzle pointed in a known safe direction so that it is straight up in the air, or downrange when downrange is free of people.
- b. Keep their finger off the trigger and completely out of the trigger guard until ready to fire.
- c. Never touch nor handle firearms or get near a firing line when people are downrange.
- d. Never proceed downrange from a firing line until it is declared a **Cleared Firing Line**. (*See Definitions*)
- e. Shoot only at **Targets** (*See Definitions*) set in the direction of the WHAC target backer boards immediately in front of the soft earth backstops, not on top of the backer board's support(s) nor on top or sides of the berms.

Rule 2: Prior to shooting, all shooters on the range are required to know:

- a. That their firearms are in safe working condition and that the barrels are free of obstruction.
- b. How to safely operate their firearm; this means to at least be able to open and close the action or breech, to load and unload their firearm, identify its correct ammunition, and be able to empty and clear the chamber.

Rule 3: Transporting uncased firearms to and from the line:

- a. Keep long gun actions open and unloaded, handguns unloaded, actions open and/or holstered until in position to fire.
- b. No firearms are to be handled while a clear line is in effect. (*See Definitions*)

Rule 4: All persons must also adhere to the following general safety rules:

- a. Determine that the firing line is open to shooting and not a "clear firing line" (*See Definitions*) before proceeding to shoot.
- b. Shooters and observers must wear eye and ear protection while at or near the firing line.
- c. Children, guests and/or leashed pets shall remain under close and direct supervision of a WHAC member.
- d. Shoot only at targets (*See Definitions*) and nothing else!
- e. Do not shoot the backer boards with shotguns.
- f. Be aware that special events usually invoke overriding rules.

Rule 5: Absolutely no firearm use on the Archery Range.

Requirements and Policies:

1. Signing in and out and prominently displaying the WHAC ID card while at the range is mandatory.
2. Guests are required to read and understand the WHAC Safety Rules and sign a waiver form for each visit.
3. No alcohol or drug usage, nor persons under the influence are allowed on the property.
4. No incendiary, tracer or explosive ammunition may be used on the range.
5. No willful destruction of property or hunting is allowed on the property with the exception of shooting prairie dogs and only if using frangible ammunition. You are responsible for your bullets; know what is beyond your target!
6. No violent behavior, disorderly conduct or "horseplay" is allowed while on WHAC property.
7. Shooters shall remove and dispose of all targets when finished.

Definitions:

1. For WHAC purposes, a **Target** is printed paper, cardboard or other biodegradable items that you bring to shoot. Items such as pop cans, plastic bottles, bowling pins, clay pigeons, and fruits are also acceptable targets. Absolutely no glass, cinder blocks or other items that can shatter, leave debris behind or cause a ricochet. Remember you will need to clean up and remove any targets you shoot at. Trashcans, target frames, buildings, gas wells and/or any permanent fixtures are not targets.
2. **Clear Firing Line:** The firing line is clear only when all firearms actions are open, unloaded and all shooters acknowledge that the line is "clear". **ABSOLUTELY NO FIREARMS SHALL BE HANDLED WHILE THE LINE IS CLEAR.**

I have read, had the opportunity to discuss, understand and agree to abide by these rules, policies, and definitions. I understand that failure on my part or on the part of my guest(s) to abide by these rules may result in immediate loss of my membership with no right to refund.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Release and Waiver of Liability

WARNING: *This document limits your legal rights. You may wish to consult with an attorney before signing.*

I, _____, hereby agree to the following:
(Printed name)

1. That I am participating in the use of the Wildlife Hunters Association of Colorado (WHAC) range and I understand the risks and hazards involved, and I recognize serious and potentially life-threatening injuries can occur while shooting a firearm or participating in a firearm related event with others on this range.
2. I realize that the Wildlife Hunters Association of Colorado has no affiliation and/or participation with any firearms training course nor does it, in any way, sponsor and/or promote any firearms training curriculum.
3. I have read and understood the Wildlife Hunters Association of Colorado Safety Rules and Membership Requirements and agree to adhere to the regulations and requirements set forth.
4. I have no medical, psychological or any other condition that would prevent me from safely participating in any firearms related sporting event.
5. I realize that liability may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released for any claims for defective equipment or property owned, maintained or controlled by them or because of their possible liability without fault.
6. In consideration of being permitted to participate in the activities of any firearms related event, I agree to assume full responsibility for any and all risks, injuries, or damages, known or unknown, which I might incur as a result of participating in said event(s).
7. I hereby consent to receive medical treatment, which may be deemed advisable in the event of an injury, accident and/or illness during or after my use of the WHAC range.
8. In further consideration of being permitted to participate in the use of the WHAC range, I, my legal heirs, executors, administrators, next of kin, successors, or legal representatives knowingly, voluntarily, and expressly waive, release, discharge, hold harmless and promise to indemnify and covenant not sue either the Wildlife Hunters Association of Colorado, Shooter Ready LLC, East Plains Grass Lands LLC or the Dunham Family; or any of their agents, officers, directors, shareholders, employees, instructors, volunteers, or representatives; and relinquish any and all claims that I or my estate, my heirs, or any person claiming under me completely and without reservation as a condition of my participation in the course that I may have against any and all of the aforementioned entities and any of their agents, officers, directors, shareholders, employees, instructors, volunteers, or representatives from any and all injuries or damages of any kind and nature that I may sustain as a result of participating in the use of the range.
9. I further release the Wildlife Hunters Association of Colorado, Shooter Ready LLC, East Plains Grass Lands LLC, and the Dunham Family; or any of their agents, officers, directors, shareholders, employees, instructors, volunteers, or representatives from liability for any and all consequential damages that accrue to me or my family on the account of, or growing out of, our use of the range facilities or in participation in any club-sponsored event no matter where such event may take place.

I have read the above release and waiver of liability and fully understand its content and I agree to the terms and conditions stated above. My signature on this document further acknowledges acceptance of these terms and conditions set forth by any and all members listed under my membership to the Wildlife Hunters Association of Colorado.

Signature: _____

Date: _____