

OFFICIAL TRAPFIELD SAFETY RULES
FOR
HIGHLAND ROD & GUN CLUB
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1. Treat each gun as if it were loaded at all times. The muzzle of the gun shall be controlled and pointed in a safe direction at all times, even when the action is open. At no time shall a muzzle be permitted to cross a person.
2. Guns must be unloaded and actions kept open at all times except when the shooter is on a firing station. Break-open action guns may be closed for storage in a gun case or rack, but must be opened immediately upon removal from the case or rack.
3. All guns must be opened immediately after firing and before the shooter turns to leave the shooting station or move to the next station. No ammunition is allowed in the gun when the shooter moves from one station to another.
4. The shooter shall not place a finger on the trigger or in the trigger guard until it is the shooter's turn and the gun has been shouldered.
5. Only one shell is permitted in the gun at a time with the following exceptions. If the shooter is participating in doubles trap, no more than two shells are allowed in the gun. Special games, as approved by the Range Officer, may require multiple rounds to be loaded in the gun.
6. The designated Range Officer(s) is (are) in command of the trapfields. All shooters and spectators must obey Range Officer commands immediately. The Range Officer is responsible for interpretation and enforcement of these rules.
7. In the event of a hangfire or misfire, do not open the action of the gun for at least ten (10) seconds. During this time maintain the muzzle in a safe direction.
8. Shooters shall be cautious to maintain a clear barrel particularly when snow is on the ground or after an undercharge round is fired. When in doubt, check to see if the barrel is clear from obstructions prior to loading the next round. If the shooter must move from the firing station to remove an obstruction, the action must be opened.
9. Only shotguns are permitted. No shot larger than 7 ½ in size is permitted. No slugs are permitted.
10. All guns must be so equipped and so used as not to eject empty shells in a manner to substantially disturb or interfere with other shooters. An exception may be allowed during doubles trap.
11. It is highly recommended that all shooters and spectators wear hearing protection and eye protection while shooting is taking place. Shooters and spectators assume all risk if they choose not to wear such protection.

12. No one is allowed past the firing line or most forward shooting position at any time while the field is in use. The only exception to this rule is, with notification of the Range Officer, a member of the Trap Committee may work in the trap house while the field is in use. Such individual will not attempt to exit the trap house while the field is in use and may only do so by first placing the orange safety cone on the roof of the trap house.
13. In handicap shooting there shall be no more than two yards difference between adjacent shooters and no more than a total difference of three yards in a squad.
14. The practice of tracking targets with an unloaded gun is prohibited, unless the shooter is on a station and ready to shoot.
15. Shooters are not permitted to come to the firing stations while the orange safety cone is on the roof of the trap house. This signals that someone may be down range or in the trap house. All guns shall remain unloaded in this situation.
16. Shooting on the new North field must be coordinated with the checking and/or changing of targets on the rifle range. No shooting is allowed on the North field while someone is down range on the rifle range. In the event someone starts down range on the rifle range while a squad is shooting on the North field, the squad shall stop immediately. The Range Officer shall then remind the shooters on the rifle range of the coordination requirements. No one is allowed to go down range on the rifle range while a squad is shooting on the North field.
17. Each shooter is responsible to pick up his empty hulls before leaving the trap range that day.
18. Each shooter shall conduct himself so as not to substantially disturb or interfere with other shooters during a shoot. Mounting of the gun prior to the previous shooter's shot and/or moving from the station prior to a "walk" is not permitted.
19. No one is permitted to fire or handle a gun after the consumption of alcohol or the consumption of drugs, which may affect his ability to safely handle the gun.