



Rules and Regulations 2015

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General Rules

Important Points:

- 1) Read your club By-laws.
- 2) All Members MUST WEAR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD while on Club premises.
- 3) Always use the sign-in board in the Clubhouse, at the podium to left when entering.

Notes of Importance:

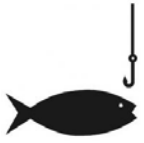
- 1) Attend your Club meetings! Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm (December may be moved to the 2nd Tuesday depending on deer season or holiday event)
- 2) The last Tuesday of each month the Board of Directors meets at 7:30pm
- 3) PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND WORKDAYS!!! Everyone's help is needed! Work days are posted/announced in the newsletter and/or on special email.
- 4) Read and follow range and fishing rules (see attached pages)
- 5) Key phone numbers are listed on the outdoor bulletin board. Listed are Club Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairmen.
- 6) Calendar of events is also on the outside bulletin board and posted in the monthly newsletter. All events taking place at BVFG must be on this calendar. Only the BVFG Vice President manages the club calendar. Calendar of events listed on our website under calendar: www.branchvalleyfgfassoc.org
 - a) Monday work evenings (seasonal) spring, summer, 5pm until 8pm. Mowing etc.
 - b) Tuesday evening is Archery night 6 to 10pm outdoor in summer, optional indoor range.
 - c) Wednesday evening is Trap night. This event open to all members and the public. OUTDOOR RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE IS NON OPERATIONAL DURING TRAPSHOOTS.
 - d) Thursday evening: Branch Valley pistol team meets. This is open to all members. Time: 7pm until 10pm.
 - e) Friday evening is Jr. Rifle and 4H (Seasonal event: January-Mid April). This will be posted in the monthly newsletter with actual start dates.
- 7) **Special note: Branch Valley forbids the consumption of alcoholic beverages or control substances on club property. Guns and alcohol do not mix with our activities and therefore strictly prohibited. Violations in this regard including use of ranges while under the influence equals loss of membership.**
- 8) Key box and passing the key – If you are the only member using the range, take the key with you down to the range. When you are finished, return the key to the key box. If another member starts to use the range while you are there, pass the key to them when you leave. When you sign out, make sure the person who you passed the key to has signed in.
- 9) Warning: Airport property is private. If trespassers are caught by airport or local police, you will be prosecuted. Don't risk it. This action will result in loss of membership.



Archery Range Rules

- 1) Branch Valley Archery range is for members only.
- 2) All members must sign in at Clubhouse.
- 3) Two or more shooters using the range must designate a range officer who will be responsible for enforcing the range rules and personally inspect the line before declaring a clear line.
- 4) Shooting is permitted from firing line and/or platform stand only.
 - a) Platform stand rules:
 - i) Shooting is permitted from top deck only.
 - ii) Two (2) archers may shoot at the same time.
 - iii) No more than four (4) people on the top deck
- 5) No shooting broad heads at Branch Valley 3D targets
- 6) Shooting of broad heads is strictly for designated Block (White) targets
- 7) Shooting of crossbows is permitted.
- 8) Range must be cleared as “safe” when retrieving arrows
- 9) Please clean up paper targets when finished shooting, return any 3d targets to the shed.
- 10) Remember to always sign in & out in Clubhouse & replace archery shed key.
- 11) No night shooting past 10:00pm. Light switches to illuminate range in archery shed
- 12) Failure to comply with the range rules will result in disciplinary action which may include loss of membership

NOTE: 3D ARCHERY EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. SEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND WEBSITE FOR 3D SHOOT DATES.



Fishing Rules 2015 Season

- 1) Membership cards must be displayed while fishing.
- 2) **Each person must have his or her own stringer when trout fishing.**
- 3) General trout opener will be TBD.
- 4) No stocking of any kind of fish in the lake, except fish committee.
- 5) Bag limits:
 - a) 2 trout per day per member, NO CATCH AND RELEASE ON TROUT.
 - b) 2 bullhead catfish per day per member
 - c) 1 channel cat per year per member
 - d) 1 bass per season per member—must be at least 14 inches in length
 - i) BASS OPENS PER PA FISH COMMISSION. Prefer C&R on the bass please.
 - e) 50 blue gills per day per member
 - f) 15 daily snapping turtles per day per member or 30 per season per member
- 6) Maximum of two lines fished by rod or hand. One hook per line, treble hooks are permitted.
- 7) No minnows of any kind are to be used for bait.
- 8) No digging, boating, wading or ice fishing permitted.
- 9) There will be no frog taking at any time.
- 10) You must register all fish (trout, bass, channel catfish) on the
 - a) HARVEST SHEET IN THE CLUBHOUSE WITH THE SIGN IN SHEET. Members caught littering will lose their fishing privilege
- 11) No fishing from the bridge.
- 12) SPECIFIC DATES AND SEASONS:
- 13) TROUT: KIDS DERBY APRIL xx, 2015 at 8:00 until noon.
 - a) Only members of family membership under 16 years of age.
 - b) Each person must have their own stringer for THEIR fish.
 - c) Adults can assist with baiting & casting only. Kids do fishing



Indoor Range Rules

No Rapid Fire

- 1) Sunday (NO Shooting between hours of 12:00 AM thru to 9 AM)
- 2) Eye and Ear Protection is Required
- 3) All Firearms present on Firing Line Must Point Down Range at all Times
- 4) **No Rapid Fire**--- Aimed Fire Only- minimum 1 second between Shots
- 5) Firearms and Ammo Permitted on Range:
 - a) List of allowable calibers posted at range entrance.
 - b) Maximum of 10 (ten) Rounds in any Firearm, No Exceptions!
 - c) The only rifle allowed is a 22LR rim-fire caliber rifle.
 - d) No Center Fire Rifles or Shotguns
- 6) **All Pistols-Single projectile only. No shotloads, PERIOD.**
- 7) The Firing Line may be from 21 feet to 75 feet. 21 feet or 7 yard line is the “red line” forward boundary.
 - a) If more than 1 shooter, all shooters must agree to shoot from one firing line distance. No exceptions.
- 8) Use Only Target Holders Provided At the Target Line
 - a) Paper Targets Only
- 9) No cross range firing, you **Must shoot in your own lane**
- 10) One Person must always be designated as Range Officer, who is responsible for all firing positions
- 11) **Before any one goes down range:**
 - a) A Cease fire pertains to all shooting lanes. When all shooters acknowledge cease fire, they may proceed to target area.
 - b) All firearms will have actions open with inserting high visibility color empty chamber indicator provided on the range identifying the firearm as “safe.”
 - c) No firearms will be handled while anyone is down-range during a cease fire.
- 12) After you have finished shooting:
 - a) Remove used targets from target backers. Take with you or put in trash receptacle
 - b) Any unwanted casings can be put in recycle containers marked *Brass, Aluminum, or Steel* Contents of recycle containers are “Club Property”
 - c) Range floor to be swept of empties by members using the range. Empties are your responsibility.
- 13) No Horseplay on the range at any time
- 14) Any Mishaps on the Range Must Be Reported Immediately to Club Director or Officer

NOTE: Failure to comply with the range rules will result in disciplinary action which may include loss of membership



Outdoor Range Rules

No Rapid Fire

- 1) Shooting Hours
 - a) (Monday – Saturday) 7AM – Sunset
 - b) Sunday: 9AM- Sunset
- 2) Eye and Ear Protection is Required
- 3) All Firearms on Firing Line Must Point Down Range at All Times.
- 4) **No Rapid Fire**-Aimed Fire Only- minimum 1 second intervals between shots.
- 5) No Military Armor Piercing or Incendiary or 50 cal. BMG Ammo & 416 Barrett Ammo
- 6) Firearms and Magazine capacities Permitted on Range:
 - a) Maximum of 10 (ten) Rounds in any Firearm. No Exceptions!
 - b) 100 Yard Range: No Pistols Allowed. Center Fire/Rim Fire Rifles, Muzzleloader Rifles & Shotguns with Slugs
 - c) 50 Yard Range: Shotguns with Slugs Only , Rifles and Pistols Permitted.
 - d) 30 Yard Range : All Lanes allow Rifle or Pistol
 - e) 30 Yard Range: Allowed are Shotguns with Slugs or Buckshot, but only in the Center Lane
- 7) On Outdoor Range: You Must Shoot from Firing Line Only
- 8) Use Only Target Holders Provided - No Oversized Targets Larger than the Target Backer. Backers are black or/white corrugated plastic. No targets will be placed on any wood framework or building structure at any time.
 - a) Paper Targets Only to be used at all times.
- 9) No cross range firing: You MUST shoot in your own lane
- 10) Range Officer (BVFG Member)
 - a) One member to be designated as “Range Officer” responsible for all firing positions in range area
 - b) Range Officer will manage “cease fire” periods.
 - c) Shooters to cooperate with officer calling a cease fire
 - d) Cease fire period will be called as “LINE CLEAR”
 - e) Cease fire APPLIES TO ENTIRE FIRING LINE, ALL RANGES
 - f) When range officer determines everyone is behind the firing line, shooting is to resume. The range officer will call “THE LINE IS HOT”
 - g) Firearms not in use, can be stored open/empty on rear racks or rear work tables away from shooting benches.
 - h) Firing Line, New shooter coaching.
 - i) Only shooter and 1 coach or observer per shooter is allowed on the firing line at the same time
- 11) Before any one goes down range:
 - a) All firearm actions to be open. Insert high visibility color empty chamber indicators provided on the line.
 - b) NO firearms on shooting bench will be handled while anyone is down-range
 - c) After all shooters agree to cease-fire period, all may then; and only then may proceed to target areas.
 - d) No one is permitted behind target line at ANY time except for maintenance crew working on the range.
- 12) When you have finished shooting:
 - a) Remove used targets from target backers, take with you or place in trash receptacle
 - b) Unwanted casings should be placed in recycle containers provided marked Brass, Aluminum, or Steel
 - c) Recycle containers and contents are “Club Property”
 - d) Duds/Misfires to be placed in container marked “duds”
 - e) Return key to the clubhouse or pass to another member remaining at the range.
 - f) If you are last member leaving the range:
 - g) Lock the range gate and return the key to the clubhouse key box.
- 13) No “Horseplay” on the range at any time
- 14) Any Mishaps on the Range Must Be Reported Immediately to Club Director or Officer

NOTE: Failure to comply with the range rules will result in disciplinary action which may include loss of membership



Members Shotgun Range Rules

- 1) Shooting hours
 - a) (Monday – Saturday) 7AM-Sunset
 - b) (Sunday) 9AM-Sunset
- 2) Eye & Ear Protection Required on firearms ranges
- 3) All Firearms on Firing Line Must Point Down Range at all times.
- 4) Firearms and Ammo Permitted on Shotgun Range:
 - a) Shotguns Only, No Slugs on this range
 - b) (Slugs to be shot on Rifle Range only)
 - c) Shot Shells Only , #7 ½ or smaller shot in clays area.
- 5) Sporting Clays Tower:
 - a) Used during Sporting Clays managed events only.
- 6) Shotgun Patterning Board Area:
 - a) Approach the Patterning Board only during a cease fire
 - b) Use Only Target Holders Provided - No Oversized Targets Larger than the installed backer board
 - c) All used targets are to be removed from any backers discarded in trash receptacle or take with you.
 - d) Use Paper Targets Only.
 - e) Maximum shot size will be #4. No Buckshot.
- 7) Shotgun Range Safety Points:
 - a) One Person must always be designated as Range Officer with two or more shooters on any range.
 - b) All firing is done from left or right behind thrower.
 - c) No one goes onto target field when shooting is in process.
 - d) Only the installed trap to be used to throw targets.
 - e) All shotguns behind the fire line will be empty and safe
- 8) After you have finished shooting:
 - a) Your Spent Shells shall be Picked Up & put in Trash Receptacle or taken with you.
 - b) Return key to the clubhouse or pass to another member yet using shotgun range if applicable
 - c) If you are last member present at range:
 - d) Lock the range gate and return the key to the clubhouse.
- 9) No Horseplay on the range at any time
 - a) Any Mishaps on the Range Must Be Reported Immediately to Club Director or Officer

NOTE: Failure to comply with the range rules will result in disciplinary action which may include loss of membership



Branch Valley Trap Range Rules

- 1) Eye and Ear Protection is Required
- 2) Shooting on "Trap Range" only at organized events.
- 3) Shotguns Must be Pointed in a Safe Direction at All Times
- 4) Firearms Permitted on Ranges
 - a) Novice or Target Purposed Shotguns Only. Allowable Shot size is #7 ½ or smaller shot trap loads
 - b) Firearms Must Be Open when carrying "uncased", yet may be closed & unloaded when on gun-racks provided.
- 5) You Must Shoot from Firing Line Only for 16 yard event. Handicap yardage events managed by trap range officer.
- 6) Close your Loaded Firearm only When Your Turn to shoot
- 7) Load Only single shell at a Time , Unless shooting doubles
- 8) After You have Finished Shooting:
 - a) All Spent Shells Shall be Picked Up, Pouched or place in Empty Shell Receptacles on the trap line by shooter.
- 9) No Irresponsible behavior tolerated on shooting ranges at Any Time.
- 10) Any Mishaps or Non-Compliance on ANY Ranges Must Be Reported Immediately to Club Director or Officer

NOTE: Failure to Comply with the range rules Will result in rejection from the trap area and if a member, Failure to comply with the range rules will result in disciplinary action which may include loss of membership

SHOOT SAFELY; RESPECT OTHERS ON RANGE AT ALL TIMES.