

KINGSWOOD GUN CLUB

~ SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT ~

GENERAL

This statement will be on public display and the attention of all shooters, spectators, trappers and scorers drawn to it. A BASC or CPSA trained Safety Officer will be appointed at each shoot. This person will be responsible for the safe layout of all traps and stands.

All members and visitors alike must be aware of the **safety rules** and advise those seen to be flouting them.

Trappers and scorers are required to halt trapping and shooting if a dangerous situation arises and not to resume until clearance is given by the Safety Officer.

All members of the shoot's operational staff will be given a loud whistle or other suitable signal with which they can signal a ceasefire. Resumption of shooting will take place on three blasts of the whistle or air horn.

Scorers and trappers will hold the shoot by the sounding of the whistle or signal to allow the passing of persons or horses that may be frightened or put at risk by the shoot. Resumption of shooting will take place on three blast of the whistle or signal.

All CPSA. safety rules apply & safety instruction is offered free to everyone. If you are unsure about safety, please ask. Coaching or Tuition is **not permitted** on shooting stands, unless qualified to do so and with the shoot Kingswood Gun Club's permission, although advice or guidance may be given from a safe distance from behind the stand.

Persons not holding a valid shotgun certificate, or, who have not shot before, **must** make themselves known to the Safety Offer who will ensure they are under safe supervision once they have completed a Section 21 Disclaimer Form. Any horseplay, alcohol or drugs are unacceptable at the shooting ground & you will be asked to leave without a refund. An adult must accompany children & both must wear hearing and eye protection at all times.

No dogs are allowed at the practice area unless by prior agreement.

A portable first aid box will be kept in the club trailer.

The shoot organizers will maintain public liability in-respect of all shooting events.

TRAPS

Electronic traps are to be used in preference to manual traps & if a manual trap is used, no trap will be set in a position form where the trapper is visible to any shooter standing in any operational stand.

All trappers will be individually shown the safe operation of all models of trap they may be required to use that day, including decocking, loading, releasing & must not be allowed in front of the line of fire.

All trappers and scorers must wear ear defenders or earplugs and eye protection.

Machine attendants will be shown the safe decocking and reloading of automatic traps by a competent person.

SHOOTERS

All guns will be required to be kept broken and unloaded except when in a cage or on a peg and ready to shoot.

All shooters & persons carrying out instruction must wear ear defenders or earplugs and eye protection.

All cartridges used at Kingswood Gun Club must be felt / fibre wadded only.

When carrying a gun, it must be **open**, or have its **bolt back and empty** at all times. Guns must be **open** before being fully removed from the gun slip. Semi-autos must be sleeved, or flagged with an auto-safe when not in use.

Never point or aim any gun at anything other than a clay target from inside the shooting area, in the event of a misfire **do not open gun** for at least 30 seconds in case of a hang fire situation, if in doubt ask for a Safety Officer to assist.

Place empty cartridges in the bins provided to avoid trip hazard. No live game or vermin to be shot at this ground.

PUBLIC

A clearly defined safety zone will be laid out to allow all spectators and shooters safe passage between all cages, and to allow safe observation of shooting.

No trap will be set so as to allow spent clays, hit fragments, or broken clays from the trap, to fall into the safety zone.

Any spectators viewing the shooting must use hearing and eye protection.

SHOOTING CAGES and POSITIONS

Shooting cages will be constructed so not to allow the gun to point easily in any direction except the intended line of fire. All firing positions will have a stable flooring to minimize the risk of slipping or tripping.

