

## BGSL Firearm Policy

### Background

The purpose of this policy is to define how firearms are to be handled on BGSL property other than the ranges. All posted Range Rules apply once the shooter is on the firing range. All BGSL, State and Local hunting rules and laws apply when hunting on BGSL property.

This policy seeks to balance Members and Guests desire to exercise their right to carry a firearm for self defense, and the necessary logistics, with the requirement for safety on the ranges. For safety reasons, BGSL maintains a “cold range” approach, meaning that firearms are not to be brought to/from a range loaded. The exception is the practical shooting pits. This facility is designed and built to make it as possible to holster and unholster a loaded firearm. In fact, this is an integral part of the activities in the pits.

Parking lots are not considered part of the range when handling a loaded gun. Loaded firearms may not be handled in the parking lots of the ranges.

### Policy

Any person handling a loaded firearm outside of a designated area as defined in this policy will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors. It will not be considered a violation of this policy if a firearm is handled off a range in a personal defense situation.

#### 1. Long guns

1.1. Loaded long guns may only be handled in the following places:

- Ranges where the posted rules specifically permit it.
- Areas identified by Board of Directors approval for a special event.
- Areas identified for hunting – subject to rules and restrictions approved by the Board of Directors.

1.2. Unloaded long guns may be handled anywhere on the property (including buildings, campsites and parking lots). All firearms must have an ECI inserted into the chamber, and carried muzzle up to avoid sweeping or threatening motions.

1.2.1. The only exceptions to 1.2 are on the Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays venues where hinge guns that can not accommodate an ECI may be broke open in lieu of ECI or carried upright in a cart mounted retaining device, certain muzzle loading firearms that are incapable of accepting an ECI, or while actively engaged in cleaning the firearm.

#### 2. Handguns

2.1 Handguns may be carried loaded or unloaded in the following manner:

- May be concealed or in plain view,
- Must be in a holster worn on the person of the member or guest,
- They are not to be drawn from the holster or handled except in the Practical Shooting Pits.

2.1.1 Handguns may be brought to and from the Practical Shooting Pits if secured in a holster worn by the Member or Guest. The handgun may not be drawn from the holster, or handled until the shooter has signed in with the

Range Officer on duty and has entered the bay.

- 2.1.2 The handgun may not be drawn from the holster after the shooter has left the bay.
- 2.2 Unloaded handguns may be handled away from the ranges if an ECI is installed to clearly indicate the unloaded state.
  - 2.2.1 Unloaded handguns may not be inserted or removed from a holster worn on the person of a Member or Guest anywhere but in the Practical Shooting Pits.