

## **PARK AUTHORITY RULES**

### **BULL RUN PUBLIC SHOOTING CENTER**

Public activity at all properties and facilities owned and operated by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NOVA Parks) is controlled by state law, local ordinance, *Park Authority Regulations*, *Park Authority Rules*, and general operating policies, permits, and procedures, each providing penalties for noncompliance.

The following ***Park Authority Rules*** apply to conduct at the Bull Run Public Shooting Center. The Shooting Center is to be used in a manner providing for the safety and enjoyment of all. Failure to abide by these rules may result in violators being ejected from the park.

#### **Shotgun Sports**

1. Shotguns are the only firearms permitted for recreational activity at the Bull Run Public Shooting Center. The possession or use of all firearms must be in strict accordance with Virginia state law and *Park Authority Regulations*.
  - a. Only traditional style sporting shotguns are permitted for use on the range. Tactical style, pistol grip and hammer guns are not permitted at this range. Barrels must be 23 inches or longer. This includes full-size and youth model shotguns.
2. Any and all shooting must be conducted under the supervision of an NOVA Parks authorized field safety officer.
3. Shooters and spectators must comply with orders of any authorized field safety officer.
4. Shooters must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or be accompanied by a shooting adult while on the premises. The minimum age to shoot here is twelve (12) years old.
5. Persons under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other substances that may inhibit their ability to react are prohibited from shooting.
6. Inexperienced shotgun shooters are required to complete a "Learn-to-Shoot" safety class prior to initial use of the range.
7. All shooters must pay appropriate fees prior to shooting.
8. Shooters must ensure that shotguns are properly maintained and that barrels are clear of obstructions.
9. Restrictions Regarding Ammunition:
  - a. Number seven and one-half (7 1/2) shot is the maximum shot size permitted.
  - b. The maximum dram equivalent is three (3) drams and no further than 1300 fps.
  - c. Ammunition must conform to the firearm manufacturer's specifications.
10. Slings are not permitted on shotguns.
11. Shotguns should be pointed safely at the ground or in the air away from all persons.
12. Shotgun actions must remain open at all times may only be loaded only when the shooter is positioned at the station and instructed by the field safety officer to prepare to fire.
13. "Dud" ammunition must be presented to the field safety officer for disposal and may not be discarded on shooting fields or shot fall areas.
14. No person is permitted on the shooting fields beyond the safety fence, except those shooting a round supervised by an authorized field safety officer. All spectators must remain outside the safety fence at all times.
15. No pets of any kind, except dogs assisting individuals with disabilities, are permitted inside the safety fence or buildings.
16. Only authorized personnel are allowed in the trap houses, storage rooms, staff lounges, offices, and other restricted areas.
17. In the event of an electrical storm, the shooting fields and sporting clays course must be vacated immediately.
18. Talking to or distracting field safety officers who are supervising the discharge of firearms is prohibited.
19. Profanity and abusive language or behavior is prohibited.
20. Conduct that may endanger the welfare of any person is strictly prohibited.

21. The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority assumes no responsibility for personal property.
22. Eye and ear protection are mandatory.

### **Indoor Archery**

1. Archers are required to participate in a safety orientation prior to initial use of the archery range.
2. All archers must pay the appropriate range fee.
3. Archers under the age of fourteen (14) must be accompanied by an adult.
4. Crossbows are strictly prohibited.
5. Broad head points are strictly prohibited.
6. All shooting must occur at the established shooting line and is strictly prohibited at distances beyond or in advance of the line.
7. Some targets are at fixed positions of twenty (20) yards or eighteen (18) meters. Movable target stands must be used when shooting at shorter distances.
8. Archers must shoot only at the target in their designated lane and may not shoot across lanes.
9. No shooting is allowed when any person is beyond the established shooting line.