



Big Hollow Shooting Range Online Course Exam

Name (print): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

1. The three levels of shooting range membership are:
 - a. Individual, Couple, Business
 - b. Donor, Sponsor, Patron
 - c. Individual, Family, Lifetime
 - d. Member, Patron, Spouse

2. Spouses may each serve as cardholders for the same membership as long as:
 - a. Both spouses have concealed carry permits
 - b. Both spouses have passed the range certification course
 - c. One spouse has passed the certification course
 - d. They received a waiver from the Conservation Board

3. To renew your Big Hollow Shooting Range membership annually, within 90 days of your expiration date, you need to:
 - a. Take the refresher exam and pay your membership fee
 - b. Show proof that you visited the range in the past 12 months
 - c. Retake the entire certification course

4. When transporting a firearm, it should be:
- a. Stashed safely out of reach
 - b. Unloaded and uncased
 - c. Unloaded, cased, and separated from ammunition
5. Big Hollow's address is in what city?
- a. Burlington
 - b. Mediapolis
 - c. Sperry
 - d. Danville
6. Hunting is allowed at Big Hollow.
- a. True
 - b. False
7. Which range(s) at Big Hollow are measured in yards? (Check all that apply)
- 25 50 100 300
8. On what range(s) may you move forward and shoot from in front of the covered firing shelter? (Check all that apply)
- 25 50 100 300
9. What type(s) of firearms may be used on the 300 meter range? (Check all that apply)
- Shotguns shooting slugs
 - Rifles with straight wall cartridges
 - Centerfire rifles with bottleneck cartridges
 - Black powder rifles

10. Prior to using the range, you should...(check all that apply)

- Check for closings/reservations on the online calendar
- Be sure all firearms brought to the range are legal
- Invite a couple friends, even if they're not certified
- Check in at the brown building between the 50 and 100 yard ranges

11. All shots fired on the range, including those from shotguns shooting at clay birds, must impact...

- a. The target being fired at.
- b. The ground.
- c. The termination berm.
- d. The trees beyond the range.

12. The acting Range Officer at the Big Hollow Shooting Range does which of the following?

- a. Establishes and maintains communication with other shooters on the range
- b. Controls movement of other shooters on the range
- c. Ensures that all firearms are made safe before allowing other shooters downrange
- d. All the above

13. The acting Range Officer on any range at the Big Hollow Shooting Complex is generally:

- a. An employee of Des Moines County Conservation
- b. The first person on the range
- c. An NRA shooting instructor

14. What does it mean when a range is “hot”?

- a. The National Weather Service has posted a heat advisory
- b. Shooters are actively handling and/or shooting firearms on the firing line
- c. The range officer has confirmed that all firearms on the range have been made safe and that shooters may go downrange safely

15. What does it mean when a range is “cold”?

- a. The National Weather Service has posted a frost advisory
- b. Shooters are actively handling and/or shooting firearms on the firing line
- c. The range officer has confirmed that all firearms on the range have been made safe and that shooters may go downrange safely

16. On hearing the command “Cease Firing” you should

- a. Finish firing the shot in the chamber and then open the action and lay the gun down
- b. Immediately stop firing, keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction, and await further instruction from the acting range officer
- c. Finish shooting the remaining rounds in the gun, then await further instruction

17. Who may call a “cease fire” on the range?

- a. Only the Range Officer
- b. Only those who are actively shooting
- c. Anyone

18. It is okay for a firearm to be loaded while others are downrange as long as it isn't being handled.

- a. True
- b. False

19. It is every shooter's responsibility to ensure the safe use and continued operation of the range by:

- a. Following all range rules and insisting other shooters do too
- b. Reporting violations to Des Moines County Conservation
- c. All the above
- d. None of the above

20. Which of the following does NOT represent safe gun handling and use at the range?

- a. Checking for a bore obstruction before shooting
- b. Using a malfunctioning firearm
- c. Making sure you have the proper ammunition for the gun being used
- d. Mentoring and training inexperienced shooters

21. Anyone on the range may ask to see another shooter's certification card.

- a. True
- b. False

22. Range members may bring how many guests per range visit?

- a. One
- b. Two
- c. As many as they want

23. Who must sign in/out of the ranges using the forms provided in the brown building near the 50 yard range?

- a. Only non-member visitors
- b. Only organizations during approved reservations
- c. All range members and their guests, every time they use the range
- d. Only military personnel

24. When should the action of a firearm on the range be CLOSED?

- a. At all times to keep debris out of the action
- b. Any time the range is being used
- c. Only when actively firing at a proper target with a proper backstop

25. Who must wear eye and ear protection at the range?

- a. Only those actively firing
- b. Only shooters with poor vision or hearing
- c. Everyone on the firing line, whether they're shooting or not

26. To help keep the range clean, you should do what before you leave the range?

- a. Remove paper from target backing
- b. Sweep up empty ammo casings
- c. Pick up any debris from around the firing station and target areas, including clay
bird debris
- d. All the above

27. Where may you shoot clay birds at Big Hollow?

- a. Over any open field
- b. Over the lake
- c. On the 50 yard range, from the firing line midway down the range and using only the clay throwers provided

28. To shoot at shorter distances, you may set target frames closer to the firing line.

- a. True
- b. False

29. When there are a lot of people wanting to use the range at the same time, you should limit your shooting to how long?

- a. 30 minutes
- b. One hour
- c. Two hours
- d. None of the above

30. Individuals found to be intentionally or unintentionally shooting over berms will be prosecuted under what State of Iowa Code Section?

- a. Section 724.30, "Reckless Use of a Firearm"
- b. Section 461A.44, "Prohibited Areas"
- c. None. Penalties will be determined by the Conservation Board
- d. None of the above

31. In the course video, what specific example was used to emphasize the importance of always using the proper ammunition?

- a. A 9mm round in a .40 caliber handgun
- b. A 20 gauge round in a 12 gauge shotgun
- c. A .30 caliber round in a .35 caliber rifle
- d. None of the above

32. What should you do if you pull the trigger on a loaded firearm and the round does not fire?

- a. Turn to your neighbor for help
- b. Wait 1 full minute, keeping the muzzle pointed down range, before you do anything else
- c. Disregard it and continue shooting
- d. Extract the round and inspect if for damage then try to fire it again

33. Inexperienced shooters, or shooters with new or unfamiliar firearms should:

- a. Learn about the firearm and how to safely handle it before attempting to fire it on the range
- b. Learn about the firearm and how to use it safely from an experienced shooter
- c. Ask for instruction whenever they're not familiar with a particular firearm
- d. All the above

34. Which of the following targets are you allowed to bring and use on the range? (check all that apply)

- Steel silhouettes
- Tannerite
- Paper targets
- Clay birds
- Cans, jugs, or other non-glass beverage containers

35. If you encounter a situation that is unsafe or that violates range policies, what should you do?

- a. Move to a different range
- b. Take pictures
- c. Remove yourself from the situation and report it immediately
- d. Make a note of it and report it later

36. All the safety training in the world won't keep you or anyone safe unless you have...

- a. The certification to prove it
- b. Friends in law enforcement
- c. The positive attitude to apply the information correctly

37. Of these four laws of firearm safety, which is the most important?

- a. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction
- b. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot
- c. Keep the action open and unloaded until ready to use
- d. Be sure of your target and what's beyond

38. The "safety" on a firearm...

- a. Guarantees the firearm cannot be shot when engaged
- b. Is used only to supplement proper gun handling
- c. Should not be used on the range

Yes, I agree without reservation to abide by all safety and operating rules and regulations of the Des Moines County Conservation Shooting Range located at Big Hollow Recreation Area. I also hereby waive, relieve, and absolve Des Moines County Conservation and its employees, agents, assignees, directors, and all other duly authorized representatives thereof, of any and all liability whatsoever, including all claims, demands, and causes of action of every nature affecting the undersigned and their children or wards which any of them may have or ever have in connection with the shooting range facility.

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Card Number: _____	Membership Level: _____
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