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## Policy for use of Select Fire/Fully-Automatic Firearms

South Kent Sportsmen's Club (SKSC)  
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### Preface

Statement of Need: In keeping with SKSC by-laws and other policy, the Club seeks to provide opportunities for use of all legal firearms.

This policy statement provides guidance concerning additional rules pertaining to, and authorizations needed for, use of Select Fire/Fully Automatic firearms.

For purposes of this policy these firearms, as defined below, are also known as:

- Submachine Guns
- Select Fire Rifles and Carbines
- Machine Guns
- Other Automated Firearms

### Definitions

**Submachine Gun (SMG)** - Firearms designed for "pistol" cartridges. SMG are normally air cooled, hand held, and fed from a box or drum magazine. Generally, SMG use cartridges with "straight wall" cases, but some do use "bottle neck" cases for cartridges that were originally designed for handguns such as the .30 Mauser or 7.62x25mm Tokarev.

**Select Fire Rifles and Carbines** - Firearms designed for "sub-rifle" cartridges or smaller "bottle neck" rifle cartridges. They are normally air cooled, hand held, and fed from a detachable box or drum magazine. Examples of these firearms and cartridges include US .30 M-1 Carbine, 7.62x39mm, and .223 Rem (5.56mm NATO). Note that firearms using 308 Win (7.62 NATO), and 30-06 are not considered Select Fire Rifles and Carbines for these purposes.

**Machine Gun (MG)** - Firearms designed for "high power rifle" or similar specialty cartridges. They are designed to be fired from the ground (using a bipod or tripod), a vehicle, or aircraft, can be either air or water cooled, and are fed using belted ammunition or bulk ammunition hoppers. Examples of these firearms and cartridges include US .30 M-60 Machine Gun, .US .50 M-2 Machine Gun, 308 Win (7.62 NATO), and 30-06.

**Any attachment that allows a firearm to fire more than one round with one pull of the trigger is not allowed at SKSC.** Examples:

bump fire, binary triggers, forced reset, or any gun adapted using mechanical attachments - for lengthy or sustained fire. Such firearms include Gatling Guns as well as semi-automatic firearms equipped with devices used to fire multiple rounds with a single trigger pull - or other action - that manipulates the trigger repeatedly.

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### Additional Rules for Select Fire/Fully-Automatic Firearms

**Shooters of Select Fire/Fully-Automatic Firearms shall comply with all existing SKSC rules when exercising this privilege.**

#### General

1. Shooters of fully-automatic firearms shall take extra precautions to control muzzle rise or depression and shall ensure that any projectile will safely impact earthen range bay backstops.
2. Sustained fully-automatic fire (more than 5 round bursts) is prohibited.  
**Exception:** Approved range exercises and training requiring sustained fully-automatic fire may be conducted on weekdays between noon and 5:00 pm.
3. Users of fully-automatic firearms shall make a courtesy telephone call to Central Dispatch for Allegan County Sheriff's Department (TEL 269-673-3899) and advise them that legally registered machine guns will be in use on that day at South Kent Sportsman's Club near Dorr.
4. Shooters of fully-automatic firearms shall use only the two (2) northern-most, eastern-facing "short range" (handgun) shooting bays. If these bays are occupied, those wishing to shoot these firearms shall wait until persons using those range bays have finished.

#### Submachine Guns and Select Fire Rifles/Carbines

SMG and Select Fire Rifles/Carbines may use the designated ranges at any time the Club is normally open for shooting.

#### Machine Guns & Other Automated Firearms

Shooters of Machine Guns and other Automated Firearms may use designated ranges if a request is submitted to, and approved by, the SKSC Board. Approvals may be granted for a single day and time, or may cover a longer period. Requests for use of MG and Other Automated Firearms shall be made in writing, and submitted either in person at a regular Board meeting, or by mail, to:

South Kent Sportsmen's Club  
ATTN: Board of Directors  
2536 - 140th Ave, Dorr, MI 49323.

The request shall include:

- 1) Your name and contact information,
- 2) Number, type(s), and caliber(s) of firearm(s) to be used,
- 3) Desired date(s) ,
- 4) Estimated duration of the range use session(s),
- 5) General purpose(s) of the planned range session(s) (for example: casual practice, law enforcement, dealer demonstration, organized training, group event, etc.).

The Board will notify the requestor of approval in writing within 30 days of the request, or within 2 weeks after the board meeting where the request is discussed and acted upon.

After prior written permission is obtained, shooters of MG or Other Automated Firearms may use the ranges on the day(s) and at the time(s) stipulated by the Board, with the following requirement:

1. The user of MG or Other Automated Firearms shall have in their possession the written approval provided by the Board while exercising the privilege.

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