

RANGE PROCEDURES

Firearm Handling Safety Rules

1. ALWAYS KEEP THE FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

- A. Keep the barrel pointed away from people, and down-range at all times.
- B. Never point a loaded rifle or handgun above the backstop.
- C. Ensure all shots go into the backstop. Place targets on frames accordingly.
- D. Watch barrel direction when adjusting sights...keep the firearm safe.

2. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO SHOOT.

Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until the firearm is level on target, during a "hot range."

3. ALWAYS KEEP THE FIREARM UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO USE.

- A. Come to and depart from the firing line with an unloaded firearm.
- B. Unload the firearm before setting it down.
- C. Unload, action open, firearm grounded when commanded "Cease Fire" or "Cold Range."

4. ALL PERSONS ON OR NEAR THE FIRING LINE SHALL WEAR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.

5. BE SURE THE FIREARM AND AMMUNITION ARE COMPATIBLE.

6. OBEY THE RANGE OFFICER. KNOW AND OBEY AND ALL RANGE COMMANDS.

- A. The Range Officer's decisions are final.
- B. All Range Officers, shooters, and spectators have the authority to shout "Cease Fire!" if they see danger.

7. SHOOT ONLY AT AUTHORIZED TARGETS AND FRAMES.

8. DRUGS WITH SHOOTING.

- A. Do not shoot if you're distracted, angry, tired, or not feeling well.

9. IF YOU HAVE A MISFIRE, CEASE FIRE AND KEEP THE FIREARM POINTED DOWN RANGE FOR 30 SECONDS BEFORE OPENING THE ACTION.

10. STAY AWAY FROM THE FIRING POSITIONS DURING "COLD RANGE" ("RANGE IS CLEAR") PERIODS. Never touch a firearm on a firing position during a "Cold Range."

If you have a question at any time, please ask a Range Officer.

Range Commands

1. "READY TO GO HOT?" ("IS THE LINE READY?")

Purpose: To notify all persons the range is about to go "Hot," and shooting will begin.

Action: Any person not ready, including spectators, must tell the Range Officer. Eye and ear protection must be on all shooters. Ear protection must be on all spectators.

2. "THE RANGE IS HOT!" ("COMMENCE FIRING!")

Purpose: To declare the range is "Hot," and shooting may begin. Action: Shooters may begin shooting. New shooters may now come to the firing line and uncase their firearm. Finished shooters may now encase their firearms, and leave the firing line. Never step or reach forward of the firing line during a "Hot Range!"

3. "CEASE FIRE

Purpose: To stop all shooting routinely, or immediately for an emergency.

Action: Immediately stop shooting, keep firearm pointed down range, remove finger from trigger guard, unload, open action, and put the firearm down.

4. "COLD RANGE!" ("RANGE IS CLEAR!")

Purpose: To alert shooters the firing line is now safe.

Action: Shooters may go forward of the firing line to service their targets or pick up brass and trash. Shooters not wanting to go forward of the firing line shall stand back from the firing line and away from firearms. TOUCH NO FIREARM at this time.

NOTE: If a duty Range Officer isn't immediately present, appoint one from the firing line.

General Range Use Restrictions: (A Range Officer must approve any variations)

- 1. Rifle Range: Place no target closer than 25 yards to ensure all rounds impact the berm.
- 2. 50 Yard Pistol Range: Place no target closer than 25 yards to protect the steel frames and ensure all rounds impact the berm.
- 3. Plinker Ranges: Place no target closer than 10 yards to ensure all rounds impact the berm
- 4. Shotgun: When shooting into the air, use only #7 1/2 lead, #6 steel shot or smaller. Chambers empty, actions open when walking between firing stations. Shotguns can be fired at the plinker ranges to pattern and adjust sights.
- 5. The plate machine can be used if the shooter is using lead bullets only. NO full metal-jacketed ammo is permitted.
- 6. The 200 yard range can be used providing the shooter verifies the firearm(s) being used have been properly adjusted so all the rounds will impact the berm. The verification can be performed at the 100 yard line prior to relocating to the 200 yard range. This requirement is for shooting offhand, iron sights, or scoped firearms. The targets must be placed within 3 yards of the berm. The Range Officer on duty can open the 200 yard range if he feels that adequate safety coverage can be provided and there is no interference with other activities.

