

General Range Safety Rules

1. Only enter the range with permission from the Range Safety Officer.
2. Know and obey all range rules and posted signs.
3. Know where others are AT ALL TIMES.
4. Shoot only authorized targets.
5. Malfunctions – Gun or Ammunition – signal Range Safety Officer.
6. Do NOT handle a gun or stand at the firing line where guns are present while others are downrange.
7. Stop shooting immediately upon the command “Cease FIRE!”
8. Water and hydration drinks will be allowed only on the waiting line. **NO FOOD OR DRINKS ON THE FIRING LINE.**
9. Hygiene Guidelines
 - i. Refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, or placing hands in mouth, nose, or eyes while on range or cleaning a gun.
 - ii. Wash hands with soap and cold water, and wash clothes after a shooting or cleaning session.
10. Always ask permission before touching any shooter.

Rifle Range Rules

1. Shooting at targets that are thrown into the air is prohibited.
2. Actions are always to be open with safety on, except when on the line and ready to shoot. Rifles not in use must have an open chamber indicator inserted which is visible from chamber to muzzle.
3. Eye and ear protection is mandatory and required by all persons on the range during live fire. This also includes all spectators in the ready area.
4. Acceptable targets are paper, bull's-eye, competition paper targets, clay flyer on hangers, or aluminum cans and soft plastic bottles suspended from the string so not to cause a ricochet; also, steel spinner targets that are commercially available are permitted, if they are placed at a safe distance.
5. Targets that shatter, explode, or could cause a ricochet are not permitted (i.e. glass, compact disk).
6. No human silhouette/shaped targets may be used including zombie targets.
7. Police brass, targets, and other trash when finished shooting. Then place trash in proper trash containers.
8. All RSO and Instructor range commands must be followed by all shooters, and spectators.
9. RSOs and Instructors will be identified by wearing bright colors.
10. Horse play of any kind is not permitted on range and can lead to being immediately expelled from the range. (Remember the Buddy System).
11. Spectators are not permitted to talk to or to heckle shooters on the line at any time, and are not to carry on conversations when the range is in use for safety reasons.
12. Shooters are not to talk to each other as this can lead to distractions and waste of their allotted shooting time.
13. Shooters are to fire at their own targets only (example shooter 1 does not shoot at shooter 2's target)
14. Cub Scouts and Webelos are not permitted to participate in any firearm shooting of .22 rifles.

Archery Range Rules

1. Keep arrows in quiver until ready to shoot.
2. To carry arrows correctly or in a quiver.
3. Be sure the area around and beyond your target is clear before you shoot. Never draw a bow if anyone is in front of the shooting line.
4. Always aim and shoot at a definite target; never shoot just for the sake of shooting. Be sure of your target and that it is safe to shoot at.
5. Shoot only at targets that are thick enough to stop your arrows. Do not shoot if there is any chance your arrows might ricochet from the target or hit someone or something.
6. Use arrows that are the proper length for you. Arrows that are too short can cause serious injury.
7. Never shoot an arrow up in the air.
8. Walk, do not run, on the archery range.
9. When retrieving arrows from behind a target, particularly on a field range or an isolated target, mark the target by placing an arrow into the top of the target with the fletching's up. This is to warn other archers that you are behind the target.
10. Always use proper safety equipment, including an arm guard and finger tab.
11. Always inspect your equipment before shooting. Repair or prelace damaged equipment.
12. Replace the bowstring when it becomes worn.
13. Always have an arrow on the string when shooting a bow. Dry-firing-shooting a bow without an arrow- can seriously damage a bow and possibly injure the archer. Never dry fire a bow.

Shooting Line Rules:

1. Know and obey all range commands
2. Always point the arrow in a safe direction, either at the ground or target.
3. When done shooting, place the bow on the bow stand or in safe position and step back from the shooting line.

Retrieving Arrow Rules:

1. Retrieve arrows only when the shooting line is clear and the rangemaster signals with the command “retrieve your arrows”
2. As you walk forward to the target waiting line, pick up any arrows on the ground.
3. Only one archer may pull arrows from a target at a time: all other stand at least 6 feet back from the target waiting on your turn.

Shotgun Range Rules

1. Actions are always to be open with safety on, except when on the line and ready to shoot. Shotguns not in use must have an open chamber indicator inserted which is visible from chamber to muzzle.
2. Eye and ear protection is mandatory and required by all persons on the range during live fire. This also includes all spectators in the ready area.
3. Acceptable targets are clay flyers only.
4. Police shells, and other trash when finished shooting. Then place trash in proper trash containers.
5. All RSO and Instructor range commands must be followed by all shooters, and spectators.
6. RSOs and Instructors will be identified by wearing bright colors.
7. Horse play of any kind is not permitted on range and can lead to being immediately expelled from the range. (Remember the Buddy System).
8. Spectators are not permitted to talk to or to heckle shooters on the line at any time, and are not to carry on conversations when the range is in use for safety reasons.
9. Shooters are not to talk to each other as this can lead to distractions and waste of their allotted shooting time.
10. Cub Scouts and Webelos are not permitted to participate in any firearm shooting of any shotguns.

BB Range Rules

1. Scouts do not have to load one BB/pellet at a time and shoot before loading another bb/pellet.
2. Scouts can load at one time all the BB/pellets they are given.
3. Cub Scouts of all ages may use BB guns. Pellet rifle are reserved for the use of Webelos and above. Cubs/Webelos are not permitted to shoot any .22 rifle.
4. All Cub Scout shooting of BB guns/pellet rifles must use the "coach-pupil" method in which an adult works 1-on-2 with each Cub. In most circumstances this should be a parent or adult leader. These individuals do not have to be certified as BSA Rangemasters or NRA Instructors as long as Rangemaster ratios are met.
5. Shooting at targets that are thrown into the air is prohibited.
6. Actions are to be open with safety on, except when on the line and ready to shoot. BB guns and Pellet rifles not in use must have an open chamber indicator inserted which is visible from chamber to muzzle.
7. Eye protection is mandatory and required by all persons on the range during live fire. This also includes all spectators in the ready area. Ear protection is required for all shooters.
8. Acceptable targets are paper, bull's-eye, competition paper targets, or aluminum cans and soft plastic bottles suspended from a string so not to cause a ricochet. Targets that shatter, explode, or could cause ricochet are not permitted (glass, compact disk) No human silhouette/shaped targets may be used including zombie targets.
9. Police your targets, and other trash when finished shooting. Then place trash in proper trash containers.
10. All range commands must be followed by all shooters, and spectators. Rangemasters will be identified by wearing bright colors.
11. Horse play of any kind is not permitted on ranges and can lead to being immediately expelled from the range.
12. Spectators are not permitted to talk to or to heckle shooter on the line at any time, and are not to carry on conversations when the range is in use for safety reasons.
13. Shooters are not to talk to each other as this can lead to distractions and waste of their allotted shooting time.
14. Shooters are to fire at their own targets only (ex: shooter 3 shoots at target 3, not target 4).