

APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB

RANGE SAFETY REGULATIONS



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I. APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB RANGE SAFETY REGULATIONS

A. GENERAL

- 1.** All members entering the Range must sign in at the appropriate range. All nonmembers/guests must sign a waiver of liability form prior to using any facilities. AVGC is committed to making every reasonable effort to accommodate access for adaptive shooters. Members in wheelchairs or with extreme difficulty entering or exiting their vehicles may fulfill their signing in requirement by notifying the club secretary of their destination range(s) prior to their arrival via phone call, text, or email.
- 2.** Members are required to have their club membership card and NRA card immediately available (on their person or in their range bag) for verification by any club member or range official at any time. It is highly encouraged that your membership card be worn so that it is easily visible while on club grounds.
- 3.** Range fees, when applicable, are paid per shooter and may be a flat rate per day. Spectators do not have to pay but must sign an attendance roster and sign a Release from Liability. Spectators are barred from the firing lines and may not handle firearms or archery/primitive equipment while in attendance.
- 4.** Open collar and scoop neck tops are strongly discouraged on the firing lines in order to prevent burns from hot brass casings. Shirts are required at all times. Close-toed shoes are strongly recommended for all shooters, coaches, match/club officials, parents, and other spectators while on the range or firing line. Competitors/students may be asked to change attire if theirs is deemed inappropriate or unsafe by event officials.
- 5.** No child under the age of four (4) years of age is allowed on any part of the shooting ranges. Members are responsible for their guests and children at all times while on Club property. Parents and guardians shall be in direct control of their minor children at all times. A Minor Release from Liability must be completed at sign-in for all minors.
- 6.** No firearms or ammunition are allowed in the Adobe Clubhouse/Classroom or Trap Clubhouse/Classroom. CCW permit holders are allowed to carry inside club buildings except when NRA classes are being held. Exceptions may be made for unloaded firearms provided by instructors for teaching purposes.
- 7.** Alcohol, marijuana, and illegal drugs are strictly banned from the property of the Apple Valley Gun Club. Any apparent or suspected impairment from the use of alcohol or any form of drug is grounds for immediate removal from Club property and disciplinary action. All members have a duty to help enforce this policy.

8. Only authorized targets, metal, and paper, etc. are allowed for use on the ranges. Under no circumstances shall targets resemble any likeness to any real person living or dead.
9. No steel core, steel jacketed, armor-piercing or tracer ammunition is allowed on the range. Cyalume style non-incendiary ammunition may be used if authorized by the Range Chair. All ammunition and equipment are open to inspection by any member at any time. Steel core and steel jacketed ammunition may be waived for the Big Bore Range as per the Big Bore Range Regulations.
10. Smoking is prohibited on firing lines as well as at any place where black powder firearms and equipment may be present.
11. As a general rule, no animals are allowed on any of the ranges. Exceptions are service dogs or hunting dogs under training and under the direct control of the owner. Apple Valley Gun Club is not responsible for your animals. Do not disturb the wildlife on Club property.
12. Storage of black powder, black powder substitutes and smokeless powders shall conform to California law. At no time shall anyone store or permit to be stored, more than one pound of black powder, or twenty pounds of black powder substitute(s) or smokeless powder(s), in any club building or storage container. (Health and Safety Code 12000(a), 12102) All powders must be stored in their original containers. Relabeled and/or remarked containers for powder storage are not permitted in a club building or storage container. Only commercially manufactured powders are permitted for use at the Apple Valley Gun Club. Club buildings do not include the covered rifle range or pistol ranges when muzzle loading events are being held.
13. The use of Tannerite and other exploding targets or any mixture or combination of chemicals designed or intended to detonate, deflagrate or chemically react when struck by a projectile shall not be used and are not permitted at any time on any range at the Apple Valley Gun Club. (Penal Code 18710(a), 18720)

B. FIRING LINES

1. Firearms should be legally transferred to the range and brought to the firing line in a gun case. ALWAYS uncase your firearm at the bench. NEVER uncase your firearm behind the bench, in your car, or in some other location. CCW firearms may be carried and transported to the range on your person in a concealed manner. Firearms will be unholstered at the firing bench only.
2. All persons on or near the firing line shall wear approved eye and ear protection.

3. Never hand a loaded firearm to another person. If transferring a firearm; it must be unloaded, magazines removed, cylinder or action open and muzzle pointed in a safe direction before the transfer is made.
4. Keep firearms pointed safely down range at all times.
5. Do not leave loaded firearms on the benches, tables or in racks.
6. Never step away from a bench with a loaded firearm.
7. After firing, firearms will be unloaded, cylinders empty and open, magazines removed, slide locked back, and all actions cleared before benching with the ejection side facing up. CCW firearms may be holstered loaded when the shooter is done shooting and is leaving the firing range.
8. CEASE FIRE
 - a. When the command "CEASE FIRE" is given, all shooters shall STOP Shooting Immediately. Any person observing an unsafe condition on or near the range may call "CEASE FIRE."
 - b. At the "CEASE FIRE" command, all firearms will be unloaded, magazines removed, actions opened, and placed on the benches, with the muzzle pointed down range.
 - c. Shooters will move behind the RED safety line and not handle any firearm and remain there until an "ALL CLEAR" command is given.
9. As a general rule, rapid fire is not permitted on any range unless specified by the rules of a competitive event and done so during a competitive event or practice session. Otherwise, shooters must allow one (1) full second between each shot.
10. Never discard live rounds on the range for any reason. Place them and all brass in the receptacles provided at each range.
11. All shooters shall police their firing positions and target areas prior to departing the range. This shall include all spent casings, trash, and targets. Remove target frames and metal stands from downrange areas. Place target frames out of line of fire and move target stands to sides of ranges or onto berms
12. Shooters are limited to using one firearm on the line at a time. Additional firearms may be available on the line but shall be in a safe condition (unloaded, magazine removed, if applicable, action open, muzzle pointed downrange). Matches using multiple firearms which are conducted under the direct control of a Range Officer

are subject to match restrictions/limitations and are exempt from this regulation. The Club recommends using "Safety Flags" or empty chamber indicators when available.

13. While on the firing line, cell phones shall NOT be used for talking or texting. Cell phone apps used for training purposes are permitted. At NO time will shooters be talking or texting on their cell phones while on the firing line at any range.
14. Apple Valley Gun Club is a COLD RANGE. Firearms will ALWAYS be unloaded at all times, except when at the firing line. EXCEPTION #1: persons with current California Concealed Carry Permits. When participating in a Match, the Match Director or Range Chairman will have the final say whether participants with current California Concealed Carry Permits can or cannot conceal carry during a match. EXCEPTION #2: Apple Valley Gun Club Instructors may open carry during special events and/or while instructing on the range ONLY if they have NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home Instructor Credential. Instructors will NOT have a loaded firearm in the classroom at any time. Before leaving the range to go to the classroom, the instructor, along with another instructor, will verify the firearm is unloaded and clear before re-holstering and returning to the classroom.

C. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

As a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club, you have responsibilities as well as privileges. Your responsibilities include:

1. Sign in when you arrive at the club. Adaptive shooters shall notify the club secretary prior to their arrival via phone call, text, or email.
2. Unless otherwise directed, allow the gate to close and lock behind you. If the gate is locked open, leave it open.
3. Never give out the gate combination to anyone. Guests must wait at the gate for their member escort before gaining access to the club property.
4. Always act in a safe and responsible manner when handling firearms and archery equipment.
5. Respect the rights of others around you and set an example of sportsmanship.
6. At the Big Bore, Pistol, and Trap Ranges, do not commence firing until after legal sunrise, and cease firing at 10:00 pm. Show respect for our neighbors. Access to the indoor and archery ranges is permitted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

7. Shoot at prescribed targets only, and never shoot at bottles, rocks, cans or buildings.
8. Know the rules, regulations and Bylaws and help maintain safe shooting conditions by reminding others. All incidents and close calls are to be reported with the Incident and Close Call Report form. The form is available at all ranges and should be submitted in accordance with the guidelines specified in Section 7.4 of the AVGC Policies and Procedures.
9. Alcohol, marijuana, and illegal drugs are strictly prohibited on the property of the Apple Valley Gun Club. Any person reasonably found to be under the influence of alcohol or impaired by any drug shall be immediately removed from the property and reported to a member in authority.
10. Keep all areas clean and in good order. Police after yourself for brass, targets and trash and sweep the shooting positions. Report any condition that is unsafe or out of order.
11. Members are encouraged to join shooting and conservation groups, serve on range committees and volunteer for work assignments.
12. Members are encouraged to serve your Club by running for elected office or volunteer for service on a Range or Management committee.
13. Members are encouraged to participate in competitive and educational events at the club to help them become a safer, more knowledgeable and responsible shooter.
14. If you have any questions regarding range use, club policies, safety or any other matter, please ask. Your Board is there to serve you. You are a part owner of Apple Valley Gun Club. Help protect your investment.

D. GUEST POLICY

All ranges are available for use by Apple Valley Gun Club Members and Associate Members in good standing and their guests. All guests must sign a release of liability form upon entering the property.

Members are fully responsible for the conduct of their guests. The intent is to provide potential applicants for membership with an infrequent opportunity for visitation. As a member, your immediate family is always welcome at any Club function or shoot. Please involve them and make your membership a family membership.

II. PISTOL RANGE REGULATIONS

PURPOSE: To promote a lifetime of safe gun handling skills for young and old alike. To present an opportunity to truly enjoy all aspects of shooting in a family-friendly, safe environment.

REFERENCE:

1. National Rifle Association Range Source Book
2. International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) Handgun Competition Rules

A. GENERAL

1. Firearms shall be uncased **ONLY** at the forward bench and with all muzzles facing down range.
2. Firearms shall be loaded only immediately before firing.
3. After firing, firearms shall be unloaded, cylinders empty and open, magazines removed, slides locked back, and all actions cleared before benching with the ejection port facing up. CCW firearms may be holstered loaded when the shooter is done shooting and is leaving the firing range.
4. Long guns (shotguns, centerfire rifles and/or muzzle loader or black powder cartridge firearms) will only be permitted during club matches under the direct supervision of a match director or range officer. At no other time are centerfire rifles, muzzleloader/black powder long guns or shotguns allowed on the pistol range.
5. Firearms shall not be loaded or handled if anyone is downrange or any other unsafe conditions exist.
6. Shooting aerial targets is prohibited except under the direct supervision of a range officer.
7. Rimfire (.22 and .17 caliber) rifles of any action are permitted on pistol ranges
8. Targets:
 - a. Steel targets shall be placed no closer than the steel target markers. Steel targets shall not be shot at any closer than 30 feet. An exception to the 30-foot rule will be made for club matches or an organized club event for steel targets to be placed at the National Standard of 21 feet or 24 feet and be angled downward 15-20 degrees. This exception must have the approval of the match/event Director along with the Pistol Range Chairman. At no other time

will targets be placed closer than the steel target markers or shot closer than from 30 feet.

- b. All paper targets should be mounted as close to the center of the target frames as possible, with the wooden frame facing front for better visibility. Care should be taken to not damage the target frames. All target frames not being used should be stacked against the front of the bench or other out-of-the way location of the range area.
- c. Target stands are not to be shot. Target stands not in use should be pulled to the side of the range, up against the berms.
- d. Targets will not be positioned in a manner such that the bullet trajectory will be elevated above the top of the berm.

9. Safety and Firing Line Procedures:

- a. Approved ear and eye protection shall be worn at all times when on the Firing Line. All persons on the Firing Deck shall wear approved ear and eye protection when the firing line is hot.
- b. **LINE IS HOT:** When more than one person is on the firing line and shooting has not commenced, a shooter who wishes to begin firing shall first ensure the area forward of the firing line is clear and notify other persons present by announcing "THE LINE IS HOT" loudly enough for other shooters to take notice.
- c. **CEASE FIRE:** Upon observing any unsafe condition on the range, any shooter may call a "Cease Fire". Upon hearing a "Cease Fire," all shooters shall clear and either bench or holster all their firearms and wait for instructions.
- d. **LINE IS CLEAR:** Upon determining that all firearms are unloaded, the actions are open and the firearms are benched with the ejection port facing up, a shooter shall question "IS THE LINE CLEAR?" If the line is clear, shooters may then move down range.
- e. **DOWN RANGE:** Shooters who wish to go forward and score/change targets will unload and bench firearms with the actions open and stand behind the Red Firing Line and give other shooters the opportunity to finish their strings. When other shooters recognize that shooters are waiting behind their firing points, those still firing should conclude their string in a reasonable time. Only when the firing line is clear and safe shall someone move forward of the firing line. They shall call out "DOWN

RANGE” when moving forward of the firing line. This should then be repeated by other shooters at the same range.

- f. Shooters may not occupy more than one firing position if thereby other users are deprived of a firing position. Range bags, gun cases, jackets, etc, may be placed on the ground under the firing bench or on the seats/benches behind the firing line in order to free up space on the firing line bench.
- g. When drawing from a holster on any range, the firing line shall be forward of the benches, off any concrete surface, and out in the dirt. At NO time will holster work ever be done from behind the bench or on a concrete surface.

III. BIG BORE RANGE REGULATIONS

PURPOSE: This written directive is to ensure the safety and uniformity in the administration of the Big Bore Range. ALL SHOOTERS SHALL COMPLY with the provisions of this directive.

REFERENCE: National Rifle Association Range Source Book and the NRA Competition Regulations.

ACCESS: AVGC members in good standing have access to drive into the Big Bore Range with the padlock combination that has been issued to them by the Range Chair. The combination will be issued only after the member has attended a brief "Orientation" with the Range Chair.

A. GENERAL:

1. The AVGC Big Bore Range is a cold range and is designed for and limited to the use of rifles firing conventional ammunition. A variance to accommodate shooters who use steel content projectiles may be authorized by any Board Member, the Big Bore Range Chair, Co-chair, Range Safety Officer, or the CMP/NRA Match Director. The Big Bore Range Chair shall maintain a list of shooters granted an ammunition variance and that book shall be displayed in the Clubhouse with the Range Regulations book.
2. The proximity of existing commercial & residential property around AVGC demands that safety and noise levels be given the highest consideration to ensure that the reputation and liability of AVGC is not jeopardized.

B. SAFETY & FIRING LINE PROCEDURES:

- 1.** Range safety and attentive shooters are the highest priority in the use of the AVGC Big Bore Range.
- 2.** Basic safety rules as directed by the NRA are posted at the range for guidance and compliance.
- 3.** Additionally, the procedures set forth will further govern the use of the Big Bore Range:
 - a.** Shooters may not occupy more than one firing position if thereby other users are deprived of a firing position. Range bags, gun cases, jackets, etc., may be placed out-of-the-way underneath firing benches or on seats located behind the benches. Unloaded rifles may be placed in the racks behind the firing bench.
 - b.** Approved ear and eye protection shall be worn at all times when on the Firing Line. All persons on the Firing Deck shall wear approved ear and eye protection when the firing line *is* hot.
 - c.** LINE IS HOT: When more than one person *is* on the firing line and shooting has not commenced, a shooter who wishes to begin firing will first ensure the area forward of the firing line is clear and notify other persons present by announcing "THE LINE IS HOT" loudly enough for other shooters to take notice.
 - d.** Shooters who wish to go forward and score/change targets will unload and bench all firearms with the actions open and magazines out of the magazine feed and stand behind the Red Firing Line and give other shooters the opportunity to finish their strings. When other shooters recognize that shooters are waiting behind their firing points, those still firing should conclude their string in a reasonable time.
 - e.** LINE CLEAR: Upon determining that all firearms are unloaded, the actions are open and the firearms are benched, a shooter shall question "IS THE LINE CLEAR?" If the line is clear, turn yellow caution lights on and then shooters may go forward to score, evaluate, or change their targets
 - f.** No handguns are allowed on the Big Bore range. Exceptions include black powder handguns, hunting revolvers (Smith and Wesson 460, Smith and Wesson 500, 454 Casull and similar calibers), and handguns that shoot rifle cartridges. Additionally, no shotguns are allowed on the Big Bore

range, except shotguns using slugs.

4. WHILE PERSONS ARE FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE, ALL PERSONS ON THE FIRING LINE WILL STAND BEHIND THE RED FIRING LINE AWAY FROM THE SHOOTING BENCHES AND FIREARMS. SHOOTERS ARRIVING WHILE OTHERS ARE DOWN RANGE SHALL REMAIN BEHIND THE RED LINE AND NOT HANDLE FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION UNTIL ALL SHOOTERS HAVE RETURNED FROM DOWN RANGE.
5. HANDLING FIREARMS FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER IS ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN WHILE ANY PERSON IS FORWARD OF THE FIRING LINE. This means no scoping of targets, no cleaning or fixing of firearms. If, after a cease fire has been called and you wish to gather your gear to leave the firing line, you must do so before any person starts down range.

IV. INDOOR RANGE REGULATIONS

PURPOSE:

This written directive is to ensure safety and uniformity in the administration and enforcement of rules for the Indoor Range as well as provide proper upkeep of the Indoor facility. All shooters must comply with the provisions of this directive.

REFERENCE: National Rifle Association Range Source Book and NRA Competition Regulations

ACCESS: AVGC members in good standing have access to the Indoor Range with the code to the touch keypad that has been issued to them. The code will be issued only after the member has attended an "Indoor Range Orientation".

HOURS OF USE: All members that have been officially issued the code to the touch keypad at the Indoor Range have access to the Indoor range 24 hours per day 7 days per week. All activity on the indoor range will be conducted so as to not conflict with any shoots that are scheduled or held on a regular basis.

A. SAFETY AND FIRING LINE PROCEDURES:

1. There will be absolutely nothing other than rim fire .22 caliber handguns and rifles or Air guns fired on the indoor range. Firearms that will fire only .22 caliber WMR, Long Rifle, Long or Short ammunition are approved for this range.
2. No target or shooter shall be positioned in a manner that will cause the projectile to go anywhere other than into the bullet trap.

3. There shall be a specified "firing line" from which ALL shots will be fired.
4. There shall be no handling of guns behind the firing line if there is any person on the firing line.
5. There shall be no uncased guns on the tables behind the firing line. Uncased rifles shall be placed in the rifle rack, unloaded with magazines removed and actions open.
6. At ALL times when a firearm is left on the firing line, it shall be cleared, and the action shall be left in the open position.
7. Prior to firing a shot, the shooter will announce "The Line is Hot" and ensure that all others are aware and have their approved eye and ear protection on.
8. When someone removes a gun from the firing line while others remain on the line, the gun will be cleared, opened, and handled in such a manner that will ensure everyone's safety. It will NEVER be pointed at anyone else.
9. There is No Smoking anywhere inside the Indoor Range building.

B. HOUSEKEEPING

1. All brass must be picked up and deposited into the container marked "brass only" and the floor must be dry squeegeed prior to departure from the building.
2. Prior to departure, you must ensure that all powered equipment, e.g., fans, coolers, heaters, and lights are turned OFF.
3. You must ensure there is no water left running, prior to departure including a stuck water valve in a toilet or urinal, as well as the outside water valve for the cooling system.
4. If there are any damaged items in the building that require repair: e.g., malfunctioning target trolleys or shot up /damaged target clips that you cannot repair, then the Indoor Range Chair should be notified.
5. All trash, boxes, paper etc. must be picked up and put into the appropriate container.
6. All boxes, bags, chairs, and supports etc. that are used, must be neatly put away prior to departure.

7. If there is any evidence of vandalism or damage to the facility upon your arrival notify the Indoor Range Chair.
8. You must ensure that the door is locked upon your departure

C. TARGETS

1. Only paper targets identified as 50 foot and/or 8.5” by 11” targets will be used in the indoor range.
2. These paper targets must be properly suspended from the “holders” that are attached to the “trolley” system. Targets cannot be larger than one side of the target hangars.
3. Care should be exercised in moving the target trolley at a reasonable speed, so it does not hit either end of the cable with force.

V. TRAP RANGE SAFETY REGULATIONS

PURPOSE: To provide for a safe place to shoot, a positive and family-oriented atmosphere, and encourage the traditions associated with Trap Shooting.

REFERENCE: Amateur Trap Association Rulebook

A. GENERAL

1. All range users and shooters are personally responsible for range safety and safe shooting.
2. All range users and shooters are responsible to immediately correct any unsafe condition.
3. Immediately report any unsafe condition to a range chair or safety officer.
4. All members who have been officially issued a trap range key have access to the trap range during normal shooting hours 7 day a week. Scheduled and calendared events have priority for range use.
5. Shooters using the trap range throwers, using the upper range for hand thrown targets, and other approved targets can sign in on the trap range.
6. All persons on the trap ranges shall wear approved ear and eye protection.

- 7.** Do not point your gun at anyone at any time.
- 8.** Uncased guns shall be carried with their breech open and empty, and muzzles pointed in a safe direction.
- 9.** All guns shall have the action opened and contain no live or empty shells at any time, except when the shooter is on the shooting station.
- 10.** Shotguns shall only be loaded while on the shooting station and will be pointed towards the target area only.
- 11.** All shells either, live or fired, shall be removed before moving from one station to another.
- 12.** In singles and handicap shooting only one shell shall be placed in the gun at a time.
- 13.** In doubles and international wobble, two shells may be placed in the gun at a time and both shells live or fired shall be removed before moving from one station to another.
- 14.** All shooters when changing stations shall walk behind the other shooters, never in front of the shooters.
- 15.** Shooters shall in no manner interfere with other shooters by raising his/her gun to point or otherwise causing an observable distraction.
- 16.** All guns shall be equipped so as not to eject empty shells in a manner that causes a distraction to other shooters.
- 17.** Release type triggers are not permitted unless the person in charge is notified before the gun is used.
- 18.** Shells shall not be picked up from the ground until all shooting is completed.
- 19.** Break action guns may be closed when in a gun rack but shall not contain live or empty shells.
- 20.** While not prohibited, the practice of resting the muzzle of a shotgun on a shooter's toe is discouraged and not recommended.
- 21.** Test shots require clearance from the range chair or safety officer.
- 22.** Spectators are not allowed on the fields during shooting.

23. Except for handicapped persons, it is prohibited to shoot while seated or from a shooting cart.
24. Hand throwers are to be used on the upper range only and not further forward than the 16-yard line and never forward of the firing position.
25. Anyone may call a "cease fire" at any time if an unsafe condition occurs.
26. When instructed to "cease fire" shooters will immediately stop shooting and unload their shotguns.
27. No shooting at unauthorized targets.
28. The range chair determines authorized targets.
29. All shooting will be in authorized areas.
30. Deposit all trash in containers and cigarette butts in appropriate receptacles.
31. Respect others and their equipment.
32. Pot shooting is allowed on the trap range with the following restrictions:
33. Shooting is allowed:
 - a. Behind the trap house and back to the 27-yard line
 - b. From the upper range to the lower range between the 25 and 27-yard lines of the upper range North berm bank back to station 3.
 - c. Lower range to upper range between the trap house and the 27-yard line.
35. Shooting not allowed:
 - a. Behind the North fence between the pistol range and the shotgun range
 - b. In front of the trap house
 - c. Beyond the 27-yard line

36. Defensive Shotgun Shooting

- a. Defensive shooting is to take place on the south side of the upper trap house only.
- b. Shooting direction for defensive shotgun is down range only. No shooting into the south bank of the range.
- c. Defensive shotguns may be loaded to capacity for the gun. The two-shell limit applied to trap shooting does not apply to defensive shooting
- d. Defensive shooting may not commence while a calendared Trap event is taking place.

VI. ARCHERY RANGE REGULATIONS

PURPOSE: Archery can be an enjoyable and rewarding sport when common safety practices are followed. It can also be very dangerous when those rules are not practiced.

REFERENCE: National Field Archery Association

A. GENERAL

1. The archery practice range bag targets (the "butts" adjacent to the pavilion) are open to members and guests at all times, except when closed for special events.
2. All children under the age of 16 shall be under the direct supervision of an adult at all times.
3. In the interest of safety, the 3D (Three Dimensional) archery course is to be opened and closed for bow shooting only by a trained range officer.
4. When using the range, all shooting must be done from the stakes toward the target at the end of that particular lane.
5. Never release an arrow when you cannot see where it will land; never "flight shoot" an arrow; never shoot straight up!
6. Never shoot a broken arrow.

7. Never nock an arrow on the bowstring until you are in a shooting position--remember at all times that a bow and arrow is a deadly weapon.
8. Shoot only arrows appropriately matched to the bow in use. Do not shoot wooden arrows from Compound Bows. The force may snap the lightweight arrow upon release causing injury to the shooter or bystanders. Never release any bow without an arrow, as damage can occur to the limbs, tip, string or person.
9. When going behind target butts to look for arrows, rest your bow on the target face to advise those coming up to shoot that someone is behind the target. If a bow is on the target face, do not shoot until the target is clear.
10. Do not stand directly behind any person pulling arrows from any target as an unintentional injury may result. All arrows found on the course must be returned to the "lost arrow" basket to be claimed only by the rightful owner.
11. Do not clutter up the range with trash, however small it may be; pick up the trash you find and dispose of it in the provided trash cans.
12. Smoking is strictly prohibited on the archery ranges.
13. Never touch another archer's bow or any equipment without the permission of the owner.
14. Protect your sport by being careful and sure of your target when you shoot.
15. In the interest of safety, members and guests should always walk the course in the direction of arrows, to and from the targets.
16. Firearms are prohibited on the archery range unless authorized by the Board of Directors.
17. Crossbows may be used at designated practice butts and at any time in accordance with the safety rules. Cock and load the bolt just prior to each shot.
18. Prior to any archer going down range, the range must be called "Cold," bows and arrows must be grounded, the safety cone should be placed in the center of the range ahead of the firing line. Prior to commencing firing, archers shall ensure that the range is clear, and only then shall the range be declared "Hot."
19. The standard range commands during a shooting event where the range chair is present, or his designated representative are as follows:
 - a. The range shall be declared "Hot" as noted above in paragraph 17. No immediate action is taken by the archers.

- b.** Two blasts from a whistle and/or the verbal command "Archers to the shooting line": Archers will move forward and straddle the shooting line.
- c.** One blast from a whistle and/or the verbal command "Begin Shooting": Archers may now handle arrows and begin shooting at their target. Once an archer has completed shooting the arrows for this round, he/she should move back behind the shooting line and ground the bow.
- d.** When all archers have completed shooting this round and have stepped behind the shooting line, the range shall be declared "Cold" followed by three blasts from a whistle and/or the verbal command "You may move forward and retrieve your arrows."
- e.** At any time during the shooting process, if a series of four or more blasts are heard from a whistle, and/or the verbal command "Cease Fire," immediately cease all shooting activities, return any un-shot arrow to your quiver or holder, and move behind the shooting line until the range is declared safe at which time the range can once again be declared "Hot" as noted above.

- 20.** No "Broadhead and Blunt" tipped arrows are allowed on the range. Only "target" or "field tipped arrows are to be used on the range targets

BE CAREFUL – GOOD SHOOTING!

VII. MUZZLELOADER REGULATIONS

PURPOSE: The safety of personnel and spectators requires strict self-discipline and the constant attention of everyone present to the careful handling of firearms at all times; on and off the firing line and when moving about the range area. Wherever such attention is lacking, it is the duty of range officers and other range members to enforce the range rules. It is the duty of all members to assist in such enforcement.

REFERENCE: National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association

A. GENERAL

1. Under no circumstances shall firing commence or continue on a Range where an unsafe condition exists.
2. Smoking - *ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING AROUND BLACK POWDER.*
3. Pan firings, caps and fouling shots shall be discharged down range at the direction of the Range Officer.
4. Blowing down the barrel is prohibited, except via an offset blow tube. Firearms shall be pointed up or downrange at all times. ALL firearms are to be considered loaded.
5. Unloaded Firearms - Firearms will not be capped, primed or loaded until the command "COMMENCE LOADING AND FIRING" has been given. Firearms shall be capped and primed only when the shooter is on the firing line facing the target. All loaded chambers of a revolver shall be capped prior to firing.
6. If shooters wish to go forward to score/change targets, all primitive muzzle loading firearms shall be placed in a rifle rack in the halfcocked position, with all firing caps away from the firing nipple. Modern inline firearms shall have their safety on. This procedure should also be followed for an emergency "Cease Fire", keeping in mind that there is a loaded firearm on the firing line that cannot be easily unloaded.
7. Powder Horns and Flasks - Never load directly from the flask or powder horn. Always use a powder measure. Loading from the flask or powder horn after shooting the firearm could result in blowing up the powder stored in it, possibly killing the shooter and/or injuring bystanders.
8. Loaded Firearms - A firearm that has a charge in the chamber, barrel or cylinder shall be considered loaded. All firearms shall be carried to and from the firing line with the muzzles in a vertical position. Once on the firing line, all loaded firearms shall be pointed in the direction of the targets at all times.
9. Cease Firing - Any person will immediately command "CEASE FIRING" if any incident occurs which indicates the possibility of injury or property damage should firing continue. In all other cases, the command will originate with the Chief Range Officer.
10. Clearing Misfires - When available the Range Officer must be notified immediately and before the clearing, "breaching" or "pulling" of a bore, barrel, projectile or charge may be attempted. Extreme caution must be used, including reasonable care to inform, but not disturb, neighboring shooters

during the clearing of misfires. All clearing of misfires must be performed in such a manner that there is no danger to persons or property. Use of a Co2 discharger is permitted.

11. Policing Range – It is the duty of members to police the firing points range use. The Range Officer will supervise such policing and see that the firing points are kept clean.
12. Note: For safety's sake, the ramrod should be marked to indicate the loaded and unloaded condition of the firearm. Do not mix different grades of Black Powder or black powder substitutes as different pressures may result, contributing to a dangerous situation. Under no circumstances shall modern smokeless powders be used with any black powder firearm.

Follow these rules at ALL times:

ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.

ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.