

# **APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB**

## **RANGE SAFETY REGULATIONS**



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- 1) National Rifle Association Range Source Book
- 2) International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) Handgun Competition Rules
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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 text, or email.
- 2.** Members are required to have their club membership card and NRA or CRPA 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 **MUST** 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 wild animals may be shot on club property.. If dangerous snakes are encountered members should contact the range chairman or a board member. The club has equipment and trained individuals to relocate snakes.
10. 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.
11. Smoking and Vaping are only allowed in parking areas or in other areas where smoke will not affect other members. participants, or observers at any event or class being held on any range. Smoking and Vaping are never allowed on the Archery Range. Smoking and Vaping are never allowed on the firing line or any place where black powder firearms and equipment may be present.
12. As a general rule, no (domestic) animals are allowed on club property. Exceptions are Certified Service dogs and other dogs brought only to the ranges for the purpose of exposing them to gunfire to accustom them to the shock of loud, unexpected noises. All dogs on Club property must be attached to a leash and the leash must be in the direct control of a human handler. Dogs may not be tied-off to any fixed object. Dogs may not be left unattended in any vehicle on Club property. Owners are responsible for the behavior of their animals. Owners must clean up after their animals. DO NOT disturb wildlife on CLUB property.
13. 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)

14. 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.
15. 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)
16. At calendared practices and events, if one is shooting air firearms only, one does not need to wear ear protection.

## **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. If a "CEASE FIRE" is called during a class or event, participants will follow the orders of the instructor or director.
- d. Shooters will move behind the RED safety line and not handle any firearm and remain there until an "ALL CLEAR" command is given.

## 9. RANGE-WIDE CEASE FIRE SIREN

- a. For safety issues that affect the entire facility the Range-Wide Cease Fire Siren shall be activated. Emergencies constituting a range-wide shut down are:
  1. someone or something along the ridge or hillside behind the shooting ranges or otherwise in the line of fire.
  2. a medical emergency or other event requiring first responders to enter the property
  3. any other event that might require complete shutdown of all range facilities
- b. In case of an event requiring first responders someone should be assigned to wait at the gate to lead responders to the site of the emergency
- c. The activation remote is located at each range inside the AED box, on a velcro tab at the back of the box.
- d. All cease-fire rules shall apply on every range when the siren is activated.

- e.. One person may be designated to notify all other ranges of the safety issue.
  - f.. Only the person activating the siren, or their specific designee, may deactivate the siren.
  - g. The deactivation (or “off”) remote is located in the Adobe Clubhouse on the wall next to the entrance door in a gray box.
  - h. One person shall be designated to notify all ranges that the issue has been cleared and the siren silenced. Activity may resume.
  - i. Anytime the Range-Wide Cease Fire Siren is activated an Incident Report must be generated and submitted to the Vice-President for review.
  - j. The Range-Wide Cease Fire Siren will be tested on each range immediately following the work party on the third Sunday of every month.
- 10.** 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.
- 11.** Never discard live rounds on the range for any reason. Place them and all brass in the receptacles provided at each range.
- 12.** 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.
- 13.** Collection of fired cartridge cases.
- a. Shooters may collect and save their own fired brass for reloading or recycling purposes. This includes brass from the specific number of rounds fired during a competition in the dirt areas.
  - b. Shooters MAY NOT randomly salvage brass that is in the dirt areas of the range that they have not fired themselves. Brass is recycled or sold for the benefit of the club.

14. 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.

15. 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.
16. 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:

11. 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.
12. Unless otherwise directed, allow the gate to close and lock behind you. If the gate is locked open, leave it open.
13. 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.
14. Always act in a safe and responsible manner when handling firearms and archery equipment.



15. Respect the rights of others around you and set an example of sportsmanship.
16. 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.
17. Shoot at prescribed targets only, and never shoot at bottles, rocks, cans or buildings.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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**

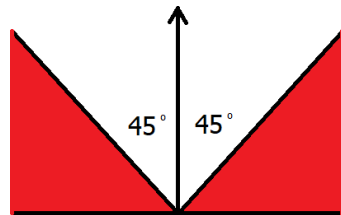
1. Firearms shall be uncased **ONLY** at the forward bench and with all muzzles facing down range.
2. Firearms shall be loaded only immediately before firing.
3. After firing, firearms shall be unloaded, cylinders empty and open, magazines removed, slides locked back, and all actions cleared before benching 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. PCC rifles are allowed in 9, 40, and 45 calibers only.
8. The use of magnum rounds are not permitted on club steel targets.
9. **PCC Safety Protocols/Procedures:**

The following procedures will be adhered to for all shooters using PCCs on the pistol ranges.

- All existing AVGC safety protocols and procedures must be followed in addition to those listed below.
  - Per existing regulations.
    - Members and Non-Members are allowed to shoot PCCs on the pistol ranges.
    - All members must sign in at the pistol “shack.”
    - All non-members must sign in and sign all necessary waivers prior to shooting.
    - All minors need to have the minor waiver signed by a parent/guardian.
    - Eye and ear protection must be worn at all times when the line is “hot.”
- Unless firing from the bench, only one shooter should be forward of the bench at a time.
- Any PCCs not in use or upon returning to the area behind the benches will be fitted with a chamber flag, empty magazine well, and placed on a rack, secured in a “Match Wagon,” or laid on the bench with the barrels down range.
  - Lever-Action rifles/carbines should be stored similarly with the action open and flagged.
- Movement forward of the firing line is allowed for match practice.
  - Again, only one shooter forward of the bench at a time.
  - PCC shooters will be allowed to practice transitions between firearm platforms under the following guidelines:
    - Transitions from pistol to PCC must be made via “Dump” barrels or boxes down range with the pistol chamber in the open and locked position with magazine well empty, as is the common practice for match competitions.
    - Transitions from PCC to pistol must also be made via “Dump” barrels or boxes downrange with the PCC chamber in the open and locked position with magazine well empty. No PCCs are to be slung while not in use. They must either be in a “Dump” barrel, on a rack, or benched according to guidelines given above.

- Shooters practicing PCC to pistol transitions will be allowed to choose to load and chamber their pistols and re-holster prior to shooting their PCC or load and chamber their pistol after dumping their PCC given that they are the sole shooter forward of the bench in either case.
  - Holsters for pistols should be of rigid construction such as Kydex, that effectively cover the trigger while holstered. Soft leather or nylon fabric holsters should be avoided.
  - It is highly encouraged that shooters wishing to practice transitions attend or participate in any of the “multi-gun” match competitions hosted at AVGC.
- o All targets must be addressed in a “down range” direction, no greater than 45 degrees off of directly forward of the bench.



- o Shooter
- o Prioritize the use of P2 and P3 for forward movement but maintain that all pistol range bays are to remain first come, first served.
  - o No PCCs are to be used on P4.
- Calibers are limited to the following:
    - o .380 ACP
    - o .38 SPL (Lever-Action for Cowboy Action Shooting)
    - o 9 x 19mm (Luger/Parabellum)
    - o .40 S&W
    - o .45 ACP

**Facilities and Equipment:**

Shooters who wish to shoot PCCs on the pistol range would be allowed to utilize some of the equipment provided by AVGC for “Member Use.”

- Paper/Cardboard Targets
  - o PCC shooters are welcome to use the provided target stands at each bay. Cardboard or paper targets are allowed. Various cardboard and paper targets are available in the room adjacent to the restrooms on the pistol range behind the door labeled “Targets.” Shooters are allowed to bring their own paper/cardboard targets as long as they adhere to AVGC policies regarding allowed imagery on paper targets.

- Steel Targets
  - In order to preserve the condition of steel targets used for competitive matches, only steel targets for general member use (member steel) is to be used outside of said matches. “Member Steel” is located in the “Targets” room adjacent to the restrooms on the pistol range. Steel targets may only be used on P1, P2, and P3. All steel targets are to be placed no closer than 50 feet from the shooter.
- Barriers
  - Any shooters with PCCs on the pistol range, outside of competitive matches, will NOT have access to the barriers/walls.
  - Any shooters wanting to use barriers for practice will have to use existing target stands or the barrels located outside the conex container near P2 and P3 as barriers or bring their own. Anything deemed unsafe to shooters or facilities should be taken down and removed at the behest of range chairs or executive board members.
- Damage
  - Any and all damage to equipment and facilities should be immediately reported to AVGC range chairs or executive board members.
  - Any PCC shooter observed causing damage to AVGC equipment or facilities, either willfully or otherwise, will be subject to disciplinary action as detailed in AVGC club bylaws and procedures.

**Firearms NOT Allowed:**

The definition given for PCC is any rifle/carbine chambered for PISTOL cartridges. This is NOT to be confused with pistols chambered for standard rifle rounds like AR-15 pistols chambered in 5.56/.223 Rem with barrels shorter than 16 inches and fitted with either a stabilizing brace or padded recoil buffer tube. These firearms should be taken to the big bore rifle range. This would also apply to any single-shot pistols chambered for rifle cartridges, such as Thompson Center pistols. Shotguns are also prohibited on the pistol ranges. There is a designated space on the upper trap range for practicing tactical shotgun skills. Any and all shotgun practice shall be relegated to that location at AVGC.

**10. 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. Do not use magnum rounds on club steel targets

- 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.

**11. 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.
- e. 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, 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**

9. Only paper targets identified as 50 foot and/or 8.5” by 11” targets will be used in the indoor range.
10. 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.
11. 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. Shotguns must be brought to the range in a proper case.
9. Shotguns may be uncased at your vehicle and assembled.
10. Shotguns must be carried with the action open and shells out of the gun.
11. Break action shotguns may be closed for storage in a gun rack or case but must be opened immediately upon removal from the rack or case.
12. Shotguns carried over the shoulder must be carried with the barrel down and forward.
13. In the event of a malfunction, when a live round remains in the gun, the shooter must keep the gun pointed in a safe direction and clear the gun. If the shooter is unable to safely clear the gun, they should seek assistance. All shooting on the affected field ceases until the condition has been corrected.
14. In cases of a hang-fire or misfire, do not open the gun for at least 30 seconds.
15. 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.
16. Shotguns shall only be loaded while on the shooting station and will be pointed towards the target area only.
17. All shells either, live or fired, shall be removed before moving from one station to another.
18. In singles and handicap shooting only one shell shall be placed in the gun at a time.
19. 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.
20. All shooters when changing stations shall walk behind the other shooters, never in front of the shooters.
21. Shooters shall in no manner interfere with other shooters by raising his/her gun to point or otherwise causing an observable distraction.

22. All guns shall be equipped so as not to eject empty shells in a manner that causes a distraction to other shooters.
23. Release type triggers are not permitted unless the person in charge is notified before the gun is used.
24. Shells shall not be picked up from the ground until all shooting is completed.
25. Break action guns may be closed when in a gun rack but shall not contain live or empty shells.
26. While not prohibited, the practice of resting the muzzle of a shotgun on a shooter's toe is discouraged and not recommended.
27. Test shots require clearance from the range chair or safety officer.
28. Spectators are not allowed on the fields during shooting.
29. Except for handicapped persons, it is prohibited to shoot while seated or from a shooting cart.
30. 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.
31. Anyone may call a "cease fire" at any time if an unsafe condition occurs.
32. When instructed to "cease fire" shooters will immediately stop shooting and unload their shotguns.
33. No shooting at unauthorized targets.
34. The range chair determines authorized targets.
35. All shooting will be in authorized areas.
36. Deposit all trash in containers and cigarette butts in appropriate receptacles.
37. Respect others and their equipment.
38. Pot shooting is allowed on the trap range with the following restrictions:

**39. 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.

**40. 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

**41. 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

## 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.