

## Multi-purpose Venue Safety Rules

The 25 yard target stands are for center fire pistol and rimfire pistols and rifles only. Anything else will destroy the stand and endanger those present with ricochets.

The gongs and plates at 50 and 100 yards are for center fire, soft core ammunition and are not made to withstand magnums. If you are using steel core please only shoot at the paper target stands.

Magnums are not allowed on this range.

This is the only range where shooters are allowed to advance forward of the firing line during the course of fire but *only during matches*. Applicable rules for that governing body will also be in effect during that match.

Keep in mind the basic firearms ACTS:

- Assume every firearm is loaded.
- Control the muzzle direction at all times.
- Trigger finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target and you're ready to shoot.
- See that the firearm is unloaded and PROVE it safe.

- Point the firearm in the safest available direction.
- Remove all cartridges.
- Observe the chamber.
- Verify the feeding path.
- Examine the bore.

Safety is of primary importance and requires continuous attention and self-discipline. On any part of the club's grounds, and particularly on the shooting field, your full attention must be given to safety and safe gun handling techniques.

Where self-discipline and attention to safety procedures are lacking, it is the duty of all members to enforce these rules.

All outdoor ranged are closed from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

Please be aware of the possibility of ricochets, especially when shooting at steel targets. Steel core and magnum ammunition should never be fired at anything that may cause a ricochet.

Please do not shoot above the berms. Bullets can travel a long distance.

Fully automatic firearms, tracer or incendiary bullets are specifically not allowed at any range.

Upon entering each venue, please sign the log book. Your insurance depends on this.

Shooters must show their membership card when requested by any member on the range.

All persons are urged to wear approved eye and ear protection while on this range. Your everyday eye glasses will not protect you. Please use approved safety glasses. Ear muffs with microphones are very convenient as they allow normal conversation while muting loud noises.

Firearms must be in gun racks when not in use. Handling of firearms must be kept to a minimum and keep the muzzles pointed up or down when handling them.

Please use appropriate targets and remove your targets before leaving the range. There are trash bins at each venue and a dumpster at the Silhouette range. The shotgun range has a canister for spent hulls.

Please pickup and dispose of (recycle) your spent brass.

Please leave each range in better condition than when you got there.

Please close and lock all gates behind you when entering and leaving the West Range. This is to prevent members of the public from wandering in and getting locked in. During competitions there will be signs asking to leave the gates unlocked.

### **Firing line procedures**

All ranges employ a system of red flag, red light or red sign to indicate the range is “hot”.

When anyone is forward of the firing line do not approach the firing line whether it be to place firearms in racks or boxes on the shooting benches. Please wait until everyone is off the range.

Before anyone advances forward of the firing line all firearms must be emptied of ammunition, their magazines removed, the action opened and the firearm placed in the gun rack or in the case of pistols, laid on the shooting bench with the open action facing up.

When anyone is forward of the firing line no one shall handle any firearm, magazine or ammunition.

When anyone is forward of the firing line please step well back from the firing line and shooting benches.

When a “Cease Fire” is called all shooting must stop immediately, firearms must be emptied of ammunition, their magazines removed, the action opened and the firearm placed in the gun rack or in the case of pistols, laid on the shooting bench with the open action facing up. Some ranged require a flag to be placed in the open chamber. Shooters must step back from the firing line.

No one shall advance forward of the firing line until all firearms are visually checked to be safe and an “All Clear” is called.

When the range is clear and everyone is back behind the firing line, loading and firing will not commence until “Range is clear” and/or “Range is hot” is called.

## **PAPRC 3Gun Match Rules**

These rules are condensed from those at [http://3gunnation.com/club\\_series](http://3gunnation.com/club_series).

- Eye protection is mandatory for participants, spectators & officials at the event site.
- Ear protection is mandatory for participants, spectators & officials while on or near a stage.
- Participants and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and sportsman-like manner at all times.
- Participants may be subject to event disqualification for safety or conduct violations.
- Keep in mind the 4 basic firearms rules. Treat every gun as if its loaded.
- Never point the muzzle at something your not willing to shoot, or destroy.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are up on target.
- Always be sure of your target, and whats beyond it.
- Safe Area is located behind the firing line to the West. If you want to show someone your new gun, do it over there, no where else.
- When moving on the course with your firearm, ensure the weapon is on safe and your finger is off the trigger until you are back on target
- When your done the course of fire, the Range Officer will ask you to "Unload and show clear." This means safety your weapon, drop your magazine and eject any rounds that may be in the chamber. Leave the chamber open so the Range Officer can verify the firearm is unloaded. You can holster your handgun once cleared, and carry your shotgun and rifle once cleared with the muzzle pointed up.
- Once the Range Officer deems the range "Clear", its appreciated that everyone could help reset the course for the next shooter to keep things moving a little quicker.
- Participants firearms will remain unloaded at the event site except under the direction and immediate supervision of an event official.
- A participant who causes an accidental discharge will be stopped by an Event Official as soon as possible, and shall be disqualified. Examples of accidental discharge include:
  - A shot which occurs while loading, reloading or unloading any firearm.
  - A shot which occurs while transferring a firearm between hands.
  - A shot which occurs during movement, except while actually engaging targets.
- A participant who performs an act of unsafe gun handling will be stopped by an Event Official as soon as possible, and shall be disqualified. Examples of unsafe gun handling include:
  - Dropping a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, at any time after the "Load" or "Make Ready" command and before the "Range Is Clear" command.

- Abandoning a firearm during a stage in any location other than a safe abandonment location as stipulated in the stage briefing. Firearms may only be abandoned in one of the following conditions:
  - Loaded, safety catch fully engaged, muzzle pointed in the designated safe direction.
  - Completely unloaded (no ammunition in the firearm), detachable magazine removed, muzzle pointed in the designated safe direction.
  - Re-Holstering a loaded handgun
  - A competitor may Re-Holster a firearm during a course of fire if a safe abandonment container has not been provided.
  - Allowing the muzzle of a firearm to break the 180 degree safety plane.
  - Allowing the muzzle of a firearm to point at any part of the participant's body during a course of fire (ex. sweeping).
  - Pointing a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, in any direction deemed by event officials to be unsafe.
- Any rule not explicitly covered by this document will be resolved with a ruling by the Range Officer.

## **Firearms**

- All firearms used by participants must be serviceable and safe.
- Unless otherwise stipulated in the stage briefing, required firearms will begin the stage in the following ready conditions:
  - Handgun: Loaded to start capacity, holstered, and the safety catch must be in the "safe" position.
  - Rifle: Loaded to start capacity and held in the low ready position, or in a designated area. Safety catch must be in the "safe" position.
  - Shotgun: Loaded to start capacity and held in the low ready position, or in a designated area Safety catch must be in the "safe" position.

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