

SULLIVAN TRAIL ROD & GUN CLUB

PISTOL RANGE SAFETY BRIEFING

WELCOME/PURPOSE OF THE SHOOTING EVENT:

- State the purpose of the event

RANGE PERSONNEL:

- Range Safety Officers (RSOs) & EMTs
- Timing/Scoring Officials & Assistants

RANGE LAYOUT & LIMITS:

- Spectator Area
- Ready Area
- Firing Line
- Target Area
- Impact Area
- Left & Right Range Limits

RANGE SAFETY RULES:

- **ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. (Downrange within range limits.)**
- **ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**
- **ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.**
- **ALWAYS know your target and what is beyond.**
- **ALWAYS wear eye and ear protection when shooting or spectating. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **NEVER use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.**
- Be sure the gun is safe to operate and know how to use the gun safely.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- Store guns so that they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
- Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

General STR&G Range Rules:

- Under no circumstances will any of the fields be used for shooting while maintenance is being performed on the facilities without the permission of the persons performing the maintenance. Any violation of this rule will result in dismissal from the club!
- Do not handle a gun in the ready area or at the firing line while others are down range.
- Policing and picking up your empty casings, boxes and used targets is expected. Please use the receptacles provided.
- Obey the Range Safety Officer's instructions at all times.
- Notify the Range Safety Officer when there is a gun stoppage that cannot be cleared, or a gun malfunction. Raise your non-firing hand to indicate you have a problem.
- The range and clubhouse should be left clean and orderly after any range event.

Pistol Range Specific Rules:

- Pistols ONLY! No long guns are allowed (except 22 rimfire rifles at certain events).
- Shoot only at the authorized targets within the prescribed range limits for a given event.
- **NEVER sight to a target from a high ready position. No rounds may leave the range!**
- **NEVER shoot above the berms/backstops. No rounds may leave the range!**
- No live ammunition allowed in the club house during pistol range events.

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- No conceal carry by anyone *shooting* in the event. This includes Range Safety Officers.
- No parking on the clubhouse driveway along the pistol range during pistol range events.
- Range users must help clean the range and store tables, targets and other equipment after any pistol range event.

Steel Target Pistol Range-Specific Rules:

- NEVER shoot steel plate targets at a distance closer than 33 feet.
- At the start of the session, all steel plates should be checked to make sure there is no excessive pitting or deformation. Damaged targets must be taken out of service and replaced before the session may commence.
- Only handguns may be used on this steel plate target system.
- Rifles, shotguns and muzzleloaders are prohibited.
- Any Magnum ammunition and any calibers larger than .45 are prohibited.
- BBs and pellet ammunition are prohibited.
- Armor-piercing and steel ammunition are prohibited.
- Incendiary and explosive ammunition are prohibited.
- All shooters **and spectators** must wear eye protection.
- At the end of the session, all steel plates should be removed, checked for damage, repainted white, and stored.

FIRING LINE COMMANDS:

Obey all range commands at all times.

- **Load your magazines** - Load the designated number of rounds into your magazines or speed-loaders.
- **Next shooter** - Calls the next shooter to the firing line.
- **Load and make ready** - Load your firearm and come to the ready starting position.
- **Shooter ready?** - Respond in the affirmative when you are ready.
- **Commence firing** - Begin firing at the targets, or alternatively,
- **Stand By** - Directs the Timing/Scoring Official to activate the starting tone on the range timer which signals the shooter to begin his course of timed fire.
- **Cease firing! or STOP!** - Instructed by the RSO when the course of fire has ended, or by **ANYONE** when any issue of safety arises on the range.
- **Unload & show clear** - Remove your magazine and open your action to clear it and show that it is empty.
- **Wait for further instructions** - Remain on the firing line until further instructed by the RSO.
- **Move out of position** - The shooter may take his equipment and move away from the firing line.
- **The range is hot!** - Notifies shooters, personnel & spectators to prepare for live fire. No one is allowed downrange past the firing line on a "Hot Range"
- **The range is cold!** - Notifies shooters, personnel & spectators that live fire has ended and that it is safe to go downrange to check targets. **NO ONE** may handle any gun in the ready area or at the firing line while others are down range!

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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

Prior to an emergency:

- Inform participants of the location of the first aid kit.
- Inform participants of location of the landline telephone.
- Determine who has first aid skills, including CPR, first responder and/or EMT training.

During an emergency:

- The RSO will take charge of the situation and assign duties as necessary.
- The RSO will determine the seriousness of the injury.
- Render aid to the victim.
- Call for help.
- Direct help to the location.
- Take notes on times & actions taken, and get statements from witnesses. Notify the proper authorities if necessary.