

ROLLA SHOOTING CLUB, INC.

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## **RANGE SAFETY PROCEDURES**

**ROLLA SHOOTING CLUB, INC.** welcomes you to our range facility in Phelps County, Missouri. We hope you enjoy participation in the shooting sports, and enjoy your time at our facility.

**SAFETY** is, above all, the primary concern of everyone at **RSC**. No deviation from these safety rules will be permitted at any time. Deviation from these safety rules will result in immediate expulsion from the **RSC** range. The following Safety Rules and Range Protocols are adopted by **RSC**, and are intended to address all forms of shooting, including skeet, trap, pistol, and rifle, both informally and in formal competition.

**COLD RANGE**-The first, and principal, safety rule is that this is a **COLD RANGE**. Make sure all weapons are unloaded before you arrive at the range, and remain unloaded at all times except when you are permitted by a Range Officer to load your weapon preparatory to firing. Under **NO** circumstances are weapons to be handled except:

- (1) In a designated Safety Area in which no ammunition is permitted, or
- (2) When permitted by a Range Officer to prepare your weapon for firing, or
- (3) On a firing line or other designated shooting area, or
- (4) When transporting a weapon with the weapon open and the chamber exposed for all present to see that the weapon is both unloaded and disabled.

A loaded firearm is one with a live round in the chamber or a loaded magazine inserted in the gun. For safety reasons, a weapon, which may prove later to be unloaded, but which is closed so that its loaded or unloaded status can not be visually confirmed, is considered to be a loaded weapon and not in compliance with this rule.

**USE OF SAFETY AREA**-Designated Safety Areas are conveniently located for the use of shooters. Safety Areas are assigned to allow casing and uncasing, examination of weapons, and repair of weapons. In no circumstances may firearms be loaded in the Safety Area, even with dummy rounds or empty cases. No ammunition may be handled in the Safety Area under any circumstances.

**CASING/ASSEMBLY ISSUES**- No weapon may be cased or uncased, assembled or disassembled, except in a designated Safety Area, or on a firing point on the rifle or pistol range. The practice of assembly or disassembly, or casing or uncasing, shotguns at the owner's vehicle preparatory to shooting skeet or trap is specifically prohibited. All assembly or disassembly, casing or uncasing of all weapons, including shotguns, shall take place in a designated Safety Area.

**EYE & EAR PROTECTION**-Everyone is warned that the wearing of eye & ear protection is in their own interest, and of paramount importance in preventing injury. It is suggested that that eye and hearing protection be worn at all times while on the range, and eye and ear protection is mandatory when shooting or when entering onto any firing area.

**UNSAFE GUN HANDLING**-No unsafe gun handling will be permitted at any time. Any shooter found to be engaging in activity that constitutes unsafe gun handling may be immediately ordered to leave the range by the range officer or RSC staff.

**180 DEGREE RULE**-Under no circumstances shall any shooter permit the muzzle of the weapon to point at an angle greater than 90 degrees left or right of the target being engaged. Breaking this 180 degree line will always be considered unsafe gun handling.

**SWEEPING**-Sweeping during a course of fire, in which the muzzle of the weapon crosses any part of the shooter or any other person, will always be considered unsafe unsafe gun handling.

**LOADING & RELOADING**-Loading a weapon in any area away from a firing line, or even having the weapon closed to where its loaded status can not be visibly confirmed, is considered unsafe gun handling, and may subject the offender to immediate expulsion from the RSC range. During loading and reloading, care must be taken that the firearm points downrange throughout the procedure. This is particularly important while reloading a self-loader, since it may still have a live round in the chamber and the safety off. While loading or reloading any firearm, the trigger finger must be outside the trigger guard at all times.

**ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE**-An accidental discharge will be defined as any shot fired outside the confines of the backstop for rifle or pistol, or striking the ground within 3 yards of the shooter for rifle, pistol, or shotgun, or firing any other direction deemed unsafe by RSC staff or range officer.

- (I) Any discharge while loading, reloading, unloading, or during remedial action of a malfunction will be regarded as an accidental discharge and unsafe gun handling.
- (II) Discharge due to the actual breakage of a part of the firearm, when the shooter has fulfilled all normal safety requirements adequately, then the event action will not be considered unsafe gun handling.
- (III) Any discharge during movement, except while engaging targets as part of a course of fire requiring shooting on the move, will be considered as unsafe gun handling.

The shooter may be expelled from the range if the accidental discharge resulted from unsafe gun handling.

**SHOOTING STRUCTURES**-Shooting a prop, barricade, wall, building etc., is not, of itself, a reason to be ordered to leave the range, but deliberate or reckless shooting of these structures and items is not safe and constitutes unsafe gun handling.

**EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS**-Unsafe weapons will not be permitted. The list of unsafe conditions is too long to be listed. The officers and directors of RSC and Rolla Sportsmen Holding, LLC reserve the right to prohibit, in their discretion, any condition they deem unsafe. Use some common sense.

**MALFUNCTIONS**-In the event of a malfunction, the shooter will attempt to rectify the situation, always keeping the muzzle pointing downrange, and carry on with the course of fire. If the shooter is unable to do so, they will stand fast, lower the weapon safely pointed downrange and signal by raising a free hand. The range officer will proceed to examine the weapon. Under no circumstances will a shooter leave the firing line in the possession of a loaded weapon. The range officer may permit the shooter to go to the nearest designated Safety Area and attempt to clear the malfunction.

**BROKEN FIREARM**-In the event the firearm cannot be unloaded due to a broken or malfunctioning mechanism, the range officer will take such action as is deemed best and safest. Under no circumstances will a shooter leave the firing line in the possession of a loaded weapon. The range officer may permit the shooter to go to the nearest designated Safety Area and attempt to repair the breakage.

**UNABLE TO FINISH COURSE**-When, due to a breakdown or loss of personal equipment or injury, a shooter is unable to complete a course of fire and wishes to terminate the course, he or she may raise a free hand. The range officer will take such action as deemed best and safest. Under no circumstances will a shooter leave the firing line in the possession of a loaded weapon.

**STANDBY FREEZE**-After the command "Standby" has been given in any course of fire in which a timer is used, or after a weapon has been loaded in any other untimed course of fire, the shooter shall not thereafter move, nor may the ready position be changed, until the signal is given to commence firing.

**MOVEMENT**-When a course of fire requires movement by the shooter, such movement (more than one step or when changing shooting positions, i.e., from prone to standing) must be carried out with the trigger finger outside the guard (except when actually engaging targets). Additionally, any firearm fitted with a safety catch should have such catch in the safe position. The muzzle, at all times, must be pointed in a safe direction and down range.

**GROSS, UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR**-In the event of gross, unsportsmanlike behavior, the shooter will be ordered to leave the range.

- (I) The Chief Range Officer on duty will have complete authority over all persons on the range. Safety on the range will be his prime concern and his orders will be obeyed. Failure to obey his instructions and directions, or behavior liable, in his opinion, to be dangerous or bring the sport into disrepute may lead to banishment from the range.
- (II) Repeated contravention of the rules of the range after being warned will be considered as unsportsmanlike behavior.

**ALCOHOL OR DRUGS**-Alcohol or drugs are not permitted in the shooting areas of the RSC range. Any person found with either in any shooting area will be immediately ordered to leave the range. Any person under the influence of alcohol or drugs, in the opinion of any Range Officer, will be required to leave the range even if not engaged in shooting. Illegal drugs will not be permitted on any portion of the RSC range under any circumstances.

***TAKE NOTICE*** that by reading these rules and making use of the RSC range facilities, you are asserting that you have previously used firearms, and that you are not prohibited by any of the laws of the United States or the State of Missouri from possessing firearms. You are further acknowledging that you are aware of the hazards and risks inherent upon the use of firearms and upon physical proximity to any shooting activity including, but not limited to , accidental discharge of firearms and resultant personal injury or damage to property. By making use of the RSC range you are voluntarily and freely assuming all such risks. In addition, you are acknowledging that you are aware of these safety rules, are agreeing to fully comply with these safety rules, and agree to ensure compliance with these rules by those who may accompany you while at the RSC range. In making use of the RSC range facility, you are agreeing to release RSC from any and all liability which might arise out of any damage, loss, injury, or death which you might sustain while using the RSC range facility, and further agree to indemnify RSC and hold it harmless for any acts committed by you which give rise to any claim against RSC.