

# Coloma Rod and Gun Club

## Range Standard Operating Procedures

This safety plan has been established to ensure, the health and safety of the individual club members and invited guests. Who use or frequent this Range Facility and the community at large.

Definitions and Terminology:

**Rifle:** Long barrel firearm 22 Cal. and larger. To include black powder and muzzle loaded long barrel fire arms.

**Shot guns:** Any smooth bore fire arm shooting shot in the shell, to be used on trap range, shot size must be 7 ½ or smaller.

**Shot guns:** using shells with slugs or copper projectiles in them must use rifle range.

**Hand Gun-Pistol:** Any short barrel gun deemed by ATF as a hand gun, shooting a straight walled cartridge of 50 Cal or less. Including all Black Powder or Muzzle Loaded guns or loaded into a cylinder, this does not include any shoulder mounted pistol that use rifle cartridges.

Fully automatic fire arms or machine guns of any type or age is not allowed. Including bump stocks.

No Contact Explosives Allowed on the property.

**Berm:** Back stop designed to stop or absorb bullets or projectiles safely.

**Target Holder - Stand:** targets to be attached to the target frames at each station. Steel targets only allowed at 100 yrd and beyond stations.

**Firing Line:** Area where fire arms, are loaded and fired at approved targets.

**Ready Area:** Area where shooters make ready to advance to firing line.

**Assembly Area:** Area used to un pack all necessary equipment to get ready to shoot fire arms.

## **Gun Handling Rules**

Always keep the gun pointed down range in a safe direction.

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

Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to shoot.

## **General Range Rules:**

- A. Know and obey all range commands.
- B. Know where others are at all times.
- C. Shoot only at authorized targets.
- D. Ground level targets are not allowed. (exceptions are allowed for club special shooting events, with special safety measures.
- E. Designate a Range Safety Officer, when none are present or assigned.
- F. Unload, open action, remove the magazine and ground or bench all fire arms during a cease-fire
- G. Do not handle any fire arm or stand at the firing line where fire arms are present, while others are down range.
- H. Always keep muzzle pointed at the back stop. Never allow the muzzle to point in any direction, where an accidental discharge would allow the escape of a projectile into another area.
- I. Anyone on the range can call cease-fire at any time.

## **Range Specific Rules**

### **Trap Range:**

- a. Only 7 ½ shot or smaller, 2 ¾ inch shells only may be used.
- b. No magnum loads 2 ¾ or 3 inch and 3 ½ inch.

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- c. No 10 gauge allowed on trap range.

- d. Use only club approved targets, when shooting at a non-club event.

### **Hand Gun Range:**

- a. Use straight wall cartridges, nothing larger than 500 S&W.
- b. Hand guns only, no shotgun use or rifle sight in.
- c. Use club approved targets and target stands.

### **Rifle Range:**

- a. Use only club approved target stands and targets.
- b. To shoot 50 yd. targets, move portable shooting bench to 50 yd. line on the 100 yd. range.
- c. 300 yd. shooters must use last bench at the west end of firing line. It is used for 200 & 300 yd. targets only.

### **General Rules:**

- a. Invited guests must be supervised at all times by the club member.
- b. Shooting hours are 1 Hr. after sun rise or 8:00 am.  
ending 30 minutes before sun down or 8:00 pm.
- c. Use only club approved target stands, and paper targets, target stands must be returned to storage area when finished shooting. All steel targets must be at 100 yds and beyond, except for club sanctioned events where special precautions are taken.
- d. Dispose of used targets and trash into trash cans, clean up all brass and shells, dispose of into special cans provided.
- e. Metal targets or targets placed on the ground must be at or beyond 100 yds. Only club approved metal targets can be used at club sponsored shoots.
- f. Ranges can be closed – for safety issues or for club sponsored events, approved by the board.
- g. Anyone using controlled substances will be turned into to Law Enforcement. Members caught will have member ship revoked for life of the member.
- h. **Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on club property!** Anyone found under the influence of alcohol will lose club membership.

- i. Pets must be under control or on leash at all times.
- j. Food service only club personnel or club approved vendors.
- k. Parking of all motorized vehicles should be on club approved areas only. Any other areas must have club approval.

### **General Range Commands:**

The following commands are provided, along with their purpose and description. For the action, that should result from said command. All commands are given by a designated Range or safety official, except for cease-fire or miss-fire. A cease-fire can be called by anyone detecting any unsafe situation. In the event of a miss-fire, the shooter experiencing the difficulty should alert the Range Safety Officer immediately. If a Range Officer is not present, shooting participants should mutually designate a person to perform the function.

### **Commands and their Actions:**

- a. Command: cease-fire  
Purpose: To stop all shooting or in the case of an emergency stop shooting and wait for instructions from Range Safety Officer.
- b. Command: Miss-fire  
Purpose: To notify the Range Officer that a round did not fire and to alert others, that a hazardous condition may exist. The shooter keeps firearm pointed down range with finger off the trigger and waits for instructions from the Range Safety Officer.

### **Preparing the Range for Live Fire**

- a. Command: Load or Load and make ready.  
Purpose: To notify Participants that they can load the prescribed number of rounds.
- b. Command: Is the line ready.  
Purpose: To determine that the shooters are ready.
- c. Command: Ready on the Left and Ready on the Right  
Purpose: to declare that the shooters on both sides of the firing line are ready.
- d. Command: Ready on the firing line.  
Purpose: to alert shooters that the range is about to be under live fire.

- e. Command: Commence Firing.

Purpose: to declare that the range is open for live fire.

**Firing Period:**

Firing shall continue until a predetermined time period has lapsed or until all shooters have completed course of fire. To stop firing and declare the range is safe: a command you have (X) number of minutes left to complete the course of fire or shooters fire your remaining rounds.

Its purpose to alert shooters that a general cease-fire is about to be called.

- f. Command: Cease-fire:

Purpose: to stop all firing.

Drop magazines, slides back, cylinders open, show clear, make safe.

- g. Command: Snap caps (Muzzle Loaders Only).

Purpose: to assure the flash hole is open and barrel is open and clear of all material that could cause a hang fire. It can also be used to determine if all guns are unloaded.

- h. Command: Range is Clear.

Purpose: To alert all shooters that travel beyond the firing line, for the purpose of target change or retrieval. The removal of brass and trash is approved.

### **General Knowledge:**

All shooters must wear eye and hearing protection at all times. When on firing line or in the ready area and assembly area. Failure to obey rule, shooter will be disqualified and escorted off the range.

### **Parameter Safety of Range**

Signs are to be posted every 100 ft. around all ranges, stating Shooting Range Keep out. Signs are to be 12"X 18" or larger with 6" letters, color of letters Red or florescent Orange on White Back Ground, or Safety Yellow on Black Back Ground.