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Section 1. Range Safety Rules

1. All posted range safety rules must be followed.
2. Alcohol is prohibited on the firing ranges. Anyone under the influence of drugs, prescription drugs or alcohol is prohibited from shooting.
3. Shooting is allowed in approved areas at approved targets:
 - ~ Pistol on pistol ranges •. Rifle on rifle ranges
 - .. Shotgun on shotgun ranges
 - . Unlimited class pistols may use rifle ranges 50 •. BMG on high power rifle range only.
 - .. The use of Tracer ammunition is prohibited.
4. Shooting is restricted to the designated range. All rounds must impact in the impact berm. All targets will be set as close to the impact berm as possible. No shooting into the side berms.
5. No loaded firearms behind the firing line. Official Law Enforcement Training is exempt. To be Official a Department Range Master must be present and the training scheduled by the department.
6. Know and understand range commands.
7. Never handle firearms on the firing line when other people are down range.
8. Always control the direction of the muzzle!
9. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
10. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
11. Children 17 years of age and under must be supervised by a parent or responsible adult.
12. All pets must be leashed. Pet waste will be removed by owner.
13. Open fires are permitted in the camping area east of the main range entry road. Trash from a fire must be cleaned up.
14. All trash must be removed from the range facilities.
15. There will be no two, three or four-wheel recreational off roading on Range Property.
16. Respect others and their equipment.
17. Visitors must be accompanied by a club member at all times.
18. All-competitors and users of these facilities will sign a Liability Release Form before using any of the ranges.
19. For formal training and matches, it is required that the RSO or Range Master

have a first aid kit and communication equipment capable of reaching 911 or other emergency response personnel. Also required are Hold Harmless Agreements for those who have not signed one and an Accident Report Form.

20. Use of the high power rifle range requires direct communication between the range master and the butts. Non-competitors may be in the butts if accompanied by a club member or competitor.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE RULES WHEN USING THESE FACILITIES. VIOLATIONS WILL BE ENFORCED AND YOU MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE FACILITY.

RANGE SAFETY BRIEFING FOR NON CLASSIFIED SHOOTER

21 A. Purpose of the Shooting Event

- State the purpose, e.g., recreational shooting.
- Provide an overview of the event.
- State the total numbers of rounds and time available.

B. Range Personnel

- State where range personnel will be located.
- Introduce range personnel.
- Explain that their role is to ensure safety.
- Indicate how they may be identified, e.g. orange vest and hat.

C. Range Layout and Limits

- Conduct a range orientation on, or within view of, the range.
 - Point out key areas of the range and briefly describe actions that occur within each.

D. Range Safety Rules

NRA Gun Safety Rules

Three Fundamental NRA Rules for Safe Gun Handling

- Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- The gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off, it would not cause injury.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- The finger(s) should rest alongside the gun, i.e., on the frame, receiver, or trigger guard.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

(Emphasize that safeties can fail. Safe gun handling rules should be followed all the time!)

22. Rules for Safe Use

- Know your target and what is beyond.
- Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- Know how to use the gun safely.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
- Any substance that may impair normal mental or physical bodily functions. Examples include prescription and non-prescription drugs, e.g. cold medicines that may cause drowsiness, nervousness, balance problems, etc.
- Anyone taking any medication or substance that may impair normal mental or physical bodily functions is not allowed on the range.

23. Site-Specific Range Rules

Ask range users to read rules.

- Machine guns are allowed only with prior written approval from the CRSO.
- Armor-piercing, tracers' ammunition is not allowed.
- Muzzle loading firearms are allowed.
- Targets must be placed at the shooter's eye level to ensure bullets hit the impact area.
- Leave dropped ammunition on the floor until the state of fire is completed and firearms are benched or grounded.
- Notify the RSO when there is a firearm stoppage malfunction.
- Dry firing is only permitted at the firing line and only when authorized.
- All firearms must remain unloaded with actions open except when on the firing line and authorized to be loaded.
- When firearms are benched or grounded, keep the actions open and ejection ports facing upward so chambers are visible. • Ammunition is not permitted in the cleaning area.

24. FIRING COMMANDS

State and explain standard range commands that will be used for specific shooting event(s), e.g., formal competition rules are specified in NRA Rule Books.

- "As you were" means to disregard the command just given.
- "Carry on" means to proceed with what was being done before an interruption.
- "Relay No. _' Match No. _ (or naming the match), on the firing line" means shooters are to move to their firing points.

- "The preparation period starts now" means shooters may occupy their firing points, prepare, and dry fire at the targets.
- "Load" means shooters are given permission to load authorized number of rounds and prepare for the shooting event.
- "Is the line ready?" allows a shooter with problems to raise an arm and call "Not ready on target..... "
- "Ready on the right!"; "Ready on the left!"; "Ready on the firing line!" is the sequence of commands that gives shooters their last chance to signal "Not ready." "Ready on the firing line!" means that target will be exposed in three to five seconds.
- "Commence firing!" signals shooters to begin shooting. This command may be signaled verbally, by a whistle or horn blast, or by moving the targets into view.
- "Misfire" is called by a muzzle loading shooter to inform the RSO and other shooters that a firearm failed to fire and a hazardous condition may exist. Due to the possibility of a hang fire (a delay in the ignition of the cartridge), keep the firearms pointed downrange and wait at least 30 seconds for modern firearms, or at least two minutes for muzzle loading firearms, prior to correcting the malfunction.
- "Cease firing!" notifies shooters to stop firing immediately and await further instructions. "cease firing" may be signaled verbally, by a whistle or horn blast, or by moving the targets out of view. Additional commands may follow. Emphasize that this command can be given by anyone observing an unsafe condition, e.g., if a person is downrange.
- "Is the line clear on the right?"; "Is the line clear on the left?" means line officers or the RSO check that all firearms are unloaded with actions open and chambers empty.
- "Go forward, score targets, and paste" (or "Change") authorizes shooters to go forward of the firing line to change targets.
- "Range is clear, you may handle your guns" means shooters may approach the firing line and handle their firearms since no personnel are downrange.
- "Move out of position and remove your equipment from the firing line" authorizes shooters to remove their gear.
- "Police your firing point" means shooters are to pick up fired cartridge cases and clean their firing points.

Ask: What two range commands may be issued by shooters? • "Cease firing" and "Misfire"

Ask: What actions are taken during a misfire?

- Due to the possibility of a hang fire, the shooter keeps the firearm pointed downrange and waits at least 30 seconds for modern firearms, or at least two minutes for muzzle loading firearms, prior to correcting the malfunction.

25. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- Take charge of the situation. (Determine seriousness of injury and assigned duties)

- Render aid. First-aid kit should be centrally located.
- Call for help via radio or telephone. Emergency phone numbers and information list should be centrally located. Call 911
- Direct help to location.
- Take notes.

Section 2 Scheduling Range Use

1. All scheduling of ranges for training, sanctioned matches, law enforcement training and qualifications MUST be scheduled through the Chief Range Safety Officer.

Contact:

Skip Waycott, Range Master
(760)353-6238 or (760)336-9993

2. On Saturday and Sunday unless a scheduled event is taking place, all ranges are open for recreational shooting, except for The High Power Rifle Range which is open to members only.

3. Please schedule two (2) weeks in advance to avoid conflicts.

4. All persons and organizations using these facilities must sign a Hold Harmless Agreement before using the range, or supply proof of insurance naming the IVRPA as co-insured.

Section 3. Organizational Chart

Section 4. Non-Profit Status

THE IMPERIAL VALLEY RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION, INC. IS A REGISTERED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION INCORPORATED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

FOR NON-PROFIT AND INCORPORATION DOCUMENTATION PLEASE CONTACT:

IVRPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 241
IMPERIAL, CA 92251

Section 5. Safety Plan

1. All persons (civilian, military, and law enforcement) will have read and understood the Range Safety Rules as they apply to the ranges being used and for what purpose i.e., recreational shooting, training, or sanctioned match.
2. All activities except recreational shooting must be supervised by a Range Safety Officer or Certified Range Master (C.R.S.D.).
3. Pre-training safety meetings should be held before training commences.
4. Pre-match safety meetings will be held before any and all matches.
5. All participants, other than members, will sign a Hold Harmless Agreement.
6. It is advised that Range Safety Officers, Range Masters and other training personnel have First Aid and CPR training.

Section 6. Range Operations Guide

1. General: clean-up your brass and trash. No shooting of bottles and cans; use appropriate targets only. Good sportsmanship and respect for others is recommended. Follow all safe handling rules for firearms.

2. Facilities for use: One (1) 200-yard Silhouette range, four (4) fifty yard pistol ranges, one (1) 200-yard rifle range, one (1) shotgun range, and one (1) 300 yard High Power Rifle Range. Dry camping is available east of the main entry road to the range facilities. This camping area is for club members and competitors only.

3. Scheduling: Matches, hunter safety, and other group shoots must be scheduled two weeks in advance. Pistol ranges #1, #2, ~~and #3~~ and #4 are not open weekdays from 1am to 12pm (noon) to the general membership.

4. Pistols will be shot on pistol ranges, rifles on rifle ranges and shotguns on shotgun ranges.

5. Authorized personnel will include club members, competitors, persons paying a \$10.00 per day range fee, and all members of scheduled training groups.

6. Safety equipment, First Aid Kit, communication equipment and accident reports are the responsibility of the Range Master or C.R.S.O.

The use of eye and ear protection on the firing line is mandatory and will be enforced by the Range Master or C.R.S.O. It is recommended that spectators use eye and ear protection as well.

7. Hold harmless: All persons using these facilities either as a shooter, spectator, competitor, and training personnel will have signed a Hold Harmless Agreement.

8. Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs. Shooters may not consume alcoholic beverages or drugs (including prescription and over-the-counter medications) before or during live firing. The CRSO or RSO will deny range access to anyone in violation. After firing and all firearms and ammunition have been properly secured, shooters may consume alcoholic beverages in the camping area ~~following areas:~~

9. Medical Support -In the event of a medical emergency, call 911 and notify the CRSO immediately.

10. Hold Harmless Agreement Form: A "hold harmless" agreement form will be completed annually.

11. General. Live firing conducted at the IVRPA Range Complex is designed to provide authorized personnel access to a facility where they can become proficient with privately owned firearms.

12. Facilities for Use. Range availability is at the discretion of the **IVRPA Club**. Live-fire shooting is normally limited to the following ranges and equipment:

a. Outdoor Range-Rifles; pistols and shotguns any caliber or gauge. (No tracer or armor-piercing ammunition)

b. Trap and Skeet Range-Shotguns only. (Up to #7 shot; no slugs)

13. Range Limitations and Safety Requirements. Live-fire shooters will:

- a. Fire only on scheduled ranges and have a Range Safety Officer (RSO) present.
 - b. Fire only authorized firearms and ammunition.
 - c. Fire at authorized target only. Metal silhouette targets are to be used for silhouette matches and for recreational shooting.
 - d. Fire only after completing a "hold harmless" agreement. (Required yearly)
 - e. Ensure all projectiles impact within the established range safety limits.
 - f. Ensure range flags are displaced on the firing line at the outdoor range and shotgun range and in the target pits on the outdoor range.
 - g. Call "Cease firing" and make all firearms safe when a shooter moves forward of the firing line or during any unsafe condition.
 - h. Call "Cease firing" if a firing line becomes staggered (one shooter forward of another) anywhere on the range complex.
 - i. Use appropriate ear protection.
 - j. Wear appropriate eye protection.
 - k. Notify the RSO or Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) of any safety infractions.
 - l. Police all brass, paper, and other debris that accumulates on the range.
14. Shooting Club Members & Competitors
- (1) All shooters must check in with the designated RSO on the scheduled range if appropriate.
 - (2) All shooters and spectators must fill out "hold harmless" agreements.
 - (3) Shooters will conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all-times and will be responsible for the conduct of any guests they bring.
 - (4) All shooters are responsible for their guns and ammunition while on the complex.

Section 7.

RSO TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTS

THE IMPERIAL VALLEY RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION WILL SCHEDULE TRAINING FOR R.S.O., PAYMENT OF FEES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL. C.R.S.O. AND R.S.O. CERTIFICATE (COPIES) WILL BE KEPT ON FILE BY THE CLUB.