

BEDFORD COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

PISTOL LEAGUE

SAFETY BRIEFING

1. **PURPOSE.** This will state the purpose of the current day's event. We have ___ certified Range Safety Officers (RSO) today. (Explain - what will be the course of fire for the event)
2. **RANGE LAYOUT & LIMITS.** Targets, Right & left limits, 180 degree rule, spectator area, ready area, firing points / or start box
3. **RANGE SAFETY RULES**
 - a. **GENERAL**
 - i. Safety is the most important concern. All participants are safety officers. If you see something unsafe, you must address it or notify the proper Range officers.
 - ii. Know and obey all posted range rules.
 - iii. 3 fundamental safe gun handling rules
 1. Always keep you pistol pointed in a safe direction (down range, not in the air)
 2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire
 3. Always keep your firearm unloaded until you are ready to use it
 - iv. Gun Handling
 1. All firearms will be unloaded and holstered at all times except when shooting or in the designated ready area.
 2. After the stage of fire, your firearms must be "cleared" by the range officer.
 3. If shooting a semi auto, after your firearm is cleared by the range officer, place the safety on, release the slide, and drop the hammer.
 4. All firearms should be cased and unloaded prior to arriving at the range.
 - v. Equipment
 1. Proper eye and ear protection must be worn at all times while on the range. This applies to non-shooters as well (especially when shooting or around steel targets)
 2. Proper holsters are required. No "pocket" holsters.
 3. Proper footwear and clothing is recommended, especially when shooting steel targets as pieces of the jacket could come back at the shooter. No flip flops or sandals on the range.
 - vi. Targets
 1. Always shoot at authorized targets on the range. Never shoot at anything that is not a range target with the proper backstop. Bullets leaving the range area are the biggest concern to our range.

2. No glass, appliances, fixtures, pottery, etc targets on the range. All litter must be cleaned from the target areas.
3. Do not shoot at any buildings, cables, or target supports.

vii. Control

1. Always designate a Safety Officer when an RSO is not present.
2. Stop shooting immediately when you here the command, "Cease Fire". Any one who observes an unsafe act may call a "Cease Fire".

viii. Hygiene

1. Shooter should refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, or placing hands in the proximity of the mouth while at shooting at the range.
2. Change and wash clothing immediately after shooting to minimize exposure to airborne particulate lead residue.

b. SITE SPECIFIC RULES

- i. When firing from the covered firing bench area, the 180 degree rule is not in effect. The right & left limits are significantly reduced. Right limit is identified by the yellow marked pole and the left limit is the cement drain.
- ii. Automatic firearms or armor piercing ammunition is not allowed on the range.
- iii. All brass should be retrieved as much as possible when event is complete. No live rounds will be left on the range.
- iv. All equipment will be placed back into the range shed at the completion of the event.
- v. Steel targets must be placed so that a 30 degree safety buffer is established.
- vi. All steel targets and holders must be inspected prior to usage.
- vii. All trash shall be placed in the trash bin or taken with the shooter at the end of the event.

c. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

- i. Range is open continuously. Night or twilight shooting must be approved by the Range Safety Officer or Range Owner.
- ii. All vehicles shall be parked away from the shooting area and behind the range limits.
- iii. The rifle/pistol range is closed during sanctioned ATA trap shoots.
- iv. Restroom facilities at the club house or beach area.
- v. Kitchen is open for food & drinks until approximately 1700 on Wednesdays.
- vi. Violation of the Range Rules or any repeated or serious safety violations may result in loss of shooting privileges on the range.

4. RANGE COMMANDS

- a. Load & make ready
- b. Is the shooter ready?

- c. Stand by**
- d. Commence firing or "buzzer"**
- e. Show clear**
- f. Cease fire**
- g. As you were**

5. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- a. General**
 - i. Minimize confusion**
 - ii. Saves time**
- b. RSO will take charge of the situation**
 - i. Cease fire**
 - ii. All shooters will stay in place**
 - iii. Evaluate the situation**
- c. Render Aid**
 - i. Identify all first aid / CPR trained shooter**
 - ii. Location of the 1st Aid kit**
- d. Call for help**
 - i. phone in the kitchen in the club house**
 - ii. cell phones**
- e. Direct help to location**
 - i. Emergency vehicle – keys in ignition**
 - ii. Direct EMS from main road to scene**
- f. Take notes**
 - i. Will identify someone to take notes of the situation**