RANGE RULES

ISRA

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Safety Plans

This safety plan has been established to ensure the health and safety of those individuals who use or frequent this facility and the community at large.

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I. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

The following information appears on a sign on each range.

Medical Emergency Procedure

Heart Attack, Stroke. Anaphylactic Shock, Diabetic High or Low Blood Sugar, Heat Stroke, Broken Bones, any Blow to the Head or loss of Consciousness for any reason *are all medical emergencies.*

1. Dial 911 {Cell ok, but Land Line Preferred}

Say "We have a medical emergency at 1589 North 7000 West Rd." (Warner Bridge Rd.). Don't go into details, but answer questions, e.g., "Is the injured person conscious?" Yes or No

2. Cease fire

Notify ALL Ranges to shut down.

Firearms should be cleared and cased until the emergency is resolved

3. Station someone at the gate.

Have a gate card, lock the gate open.

Keep the entrance and apron clear. Do not block Worner Bridge Rd.

Direct the ambulance to the correct range.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

General Conduct and Safety Regulations

The following are rules for safe and orderly operations of the shooting range that must be adhered to by all shooters. Any changes, exceptions, or additions will be made at the discretion of the ISRA Board of Directors, the Range/ Facilities Committee, and/or the Chief Range Officer.

ANY CHANGES TO ANY RULES ARE IMMEDIATE AND WILL BE POSTED IN THE CLUBHOUSE AND AT THE ISRA RANGE OFFICE.

The Range is operated exclusively for the benefit of its members and others if authorized by the Board of Directors. This includes:

- The members of the Range
- Guests of members of the range--each guest is allowed in the range only one time a year with a maximum of three guests per visit.
- Approved classes, activities, and formal competitions are open to public.
- The armed forces of the United States, subject to the rules and limits of the range
- The police of various jurisdictions, subject to the rules and limits of the range
- Special groups, such as the Boy Scouts of America, 4H, and other programs

Identification

Each time the range is used, any member bringing in guests must sign them in and out inside the building at the west end of the Pistol Range 1.

- All guests must be signed in individually and signed out. All guests must fill out and sign a Non-Member Range Release & Waiver.
- Range members may bring their minor (under the age of 21) grandchildren **or nieces and nephews** to the range, provided a parent or legal guardian of the grandchildren, **nieces or nephews,** has submitted a completed and signed waiver to the ISRA office through the sign-in process currently in effect at the Bonfield Range. The waiver is valid for ONE calendar year and must be renewed each year.
- The range member grandparent will be given an identification card and holder for each grandchild. You will need to come to the clubhouse to get these items. The card will state the child's name, the range member grandparent's name, and the date the waiver was signed. The word 'Grandchild' will be entered in the league area on the card. The grandchild must always wear their identification card while on the Bonfield Range.

- All members must wear/display their key card while at the range. The name of the member will appear on the sticker.

- Members may be required to produce ISRA membership card or photo identification by a Range Safety Officer to verify that the person with the key card is a bona fide range member.

Each member will receive a Range schedule as well as a schedule of matches and leagues with their membership renewal. The Range schedule will also be published in The Illinois Shooter and on the ISRA web site: **http://www.isra.org**.

III. ISRA Range Rules Reinforcement Policy and Procedure

The ISRA Range is a private facility operated by the Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA) for the benefit of paid members and others authorized by the Executive Director and the ISRA Board of Directors.

The operation of the range is governed by comprehensive Range Rules to ensure the health and safety of individuals who use the facility. These rules are mandatory and govern the safe and orderly operation of the range. All persons using the range or on range property are required to know and obey all range rules.

NRA certified Range Safety Officers (RSO) are on duty to assist members, ensure that the range rules are strictly enforced and ensure that all persons on the property are members or authorized guests. The directions of the Range Safety Officer must be followed. Failure or refusal to do so can result in temporary or permanent expulsion from the Range.

A Range Safety Officer has authority to remove anyone from the Range who, in the RSO's judgement, is causing or contributing to a disturbance, exhibiting unsafe behavior, impairment, or destruction of range property. The RSO may also ask to see a range member's ISRA membership ID card and Gate key Card. Anyone refusing to follow the directions of the RSO will be removed from the range property.

The Kankakee County Sheriff's Department will be called if the person does not comply.

Documentation

The Range Safety Officer must document any incident involving refusal to comply with the rules of the RSO's directions resulting in removal from the range. A detailed written report should be promptly submitted to the RSO Leadership Committee identifying the person or persons involved as much detail about the incident as possible.

Review by the RSO Leadership Committee

The RSO Leadership Committee will promptly review any incident resulting in the expulsion of a member or guest from the Range and make a determination if any temporary or permanent suspension of range privileges is warranted. If a suspension is imposed the RSO Leadership Committee will advise the member of the terms.

Request for Review by the Executive Director and Board of Directors

If a temporary or permanent suspension of a member's range privileges is imposed by the Committee, the member may submit a written request for review of an adverse decision by the RSO Leadership Committee to the ISRA Executive Director and the Board of Directors within 10 calendar days of that decision. The Executive Director's office will conduct an appropriate review and advise the member of the decision.

IV. Gun Handling Rules

- All persons must always point the muzzle of a firearm in a safe direction.
- All persons must always keep the firearm action open until they are ready to fire.
- All persons must always keep their finger off the trigger until they are ready to fire.
- No one under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be allowed to handle firearms.
- A firearm must not be handled while picking up dropped ammunition, magazines, or accessories
- All persons are strongly urged to wear eye and ear protection on all range properties. Eye protection is required on the Air gun Range.
- No one may handle a firearm or ammunition while people are down range - all firearms must be unloaded, benched, racked, or grounded with the action open, the magazine removed, (unless it has a fixed magazine), and the safety in the on position, if the firearm is so equipped.
- "Down Range" is anywhere beyond the firing line, from O yards to the backstop.
- To avoid sweeping the muzzle past other people on the range, firearms shall be uncased or cased **only** at the firing line, with the muzzle pointing down range. All uncased firearms must remain on the firing line. (Exceptions for specific classes or

competitions subject to approval by the Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee.)

- An "Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI)" is **required**. ECI shall be inserted in the firearm's chamber. Match conditions may have their own rules for ECI use.
- Know your target and what is beyond it.
- Know how to use the gun safely.
- Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.
- A common firing line will be maintained on all ranges, as described in the following individual range policy statements.

ALL PERSONS ARE REQUIRED TO KNOW AND OBEY ALL RANGE RULES.
Note: Willfully shooting at target carriers and frames, as well as overhead safety baffles, is not allowed and will be considered as willful destruction of range property and will be dealt with accordingly. Know, follow, and always obey all safety rules at all times. It is everyone's responsibility!

V. General Rules

The range may be used from 8:00AM until sunset year-round. The official sunset is as published by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Region 3).

All new range members must have their orientation before shooting at the range.

Members should check the ISRA Range Calendar before coming to the Range to ensure there is a range available for their shooting discipline. The Range Calendar is on the ISRA website at www.isra.org.

Only paper and cardboard targets may be used, unless noted in specific Range rules. All members must bring their own targets with them, unless otherwise provided for by ISRA competition teams or events. See General Range Rules and Specific Range Rules.

The range may be scheduled for certain activities with approval of the Executive. Director, and the Range/ Facilities Committee. All activities must comply with the Administrative Rules.

Pets must be on a leash and controlled at all times. Pet waste will be removed by the pet owner. Pets are not permitted in the Clubhouse.

Transportation of firearms to and from the facility must comply with state law. It is the duty of everyone to keep the buildings and grounds as clean as possible. There is no food service on the grounds except as arranged for specific events. There is no eating or drinking on the firing line.

Always wash your hands with cold water before eating and after your shooting activities are completed. This is to reduce the possibility of lead, oils or solvents being absorbed through the skin.

Parking is available in designated areas.

The Range Safety Officer may shut down any range at any time for safety concerns or for maintenance.

Children under age seven, pregnant women and others who have concerns should consult a physician before visiting shooting ranges.

Calibers for shooting at steel targets will be Range Specific for each range. When shooting at steel targets, you must be in the lane that corresponds to the lane the steel target is in.NO CROSS LANE SHOOTING. Rules for shooting steel are posted on appropriate Ranges.

Note: Other individual ranges may occasionally have special events scheduled at the ISRA range; these will take precedence

Anyone may be asked to leave the range for any reason the Range Safety Officer deems improper conduct.

Any Range Safety Officer may suspend shooting activity until unsafe condition is corrected, and may remove anyone from the range if in his/her judgment they are causing or contributing to a disturbance or exhibiting unsafe behavior

Key Card

The gate is to always remain closed, unless prior permission has been given by the ISRA Board of Directors, Range/Facilities Committee, and RSO Leadership Committee.

All non-member shooters must leave at the conclusion of an organized event or may camp as guests of a range member on the range for a multi-day event. While on the range property, the non-member guest must be always accompanied by the member. The guests may only use the range scheduled for the registered event and during that event only.

An electronic key card that allows entrance to the gate will be issued to each paid range member (a limit of one per family). The key card is good from year to year as long as the members' dues have been paid and are up to date. An additional key card will be issued to a **spouse** of a range member for a fee of $25.

Members **must** swipe in and swipe out with the key card, even when the gate is open (for special events or convenience of service or maintenance vehicles).

The key card is on loan to you, the member, and must be surrendered on demand by an Officer or Director of the ISRA Board of Directors, a Range /Facility Committee Member, or a Range Safety Officer.

DO NOT LEND your gate key card to anyone.

DO NOT DESTROY your gate kay card; **return the key card to the ISRA Headquarters located at 420 E. Locust St., Chatsworth, IL. 60921.**

Replacement for a lost key card is $25.

Membership

ANNUAL RANGE MEMBERSHIP

All Members must be current members of the ISRA as well as the range by paying dues set by the ISRA. No refunds will be issued.

Each range member is required to work two days at the range per membership year. If you are billed for workdays that you have worked or for workdays that were worked after your bill was processed, but before your renewal, please provide a copy of the workday receipt with your renewal. Days worked after the renewal will be credited to the following year's fees.
Failure to provide a receipt will result in your being charged for the

day(s). A fee of $50 will be assessed for each day not worked.

All Annual members over age 59, and ***Range*** Life Members, are exempt from workdays, but are still encouraged to work.

Workdays shall be one Saturday of each month, but not on the same day as the Facilities Committee meeting is slated to occur as shown on the range schedule, weather permitting. Special workdays may be scheduled at any time if needed.

LIFE RANGE MEMBERSHIP

A Life Membership shall accord the member the same rights, privileges, and obligations as an annual member.

FAMILY RANGE MEMBERSHIP

A Family Membership shall accord the member the same rights, privileges, and obligations as an annual member.

While at the range, all children must always be under direct supervision of the parent or legal guardian. This includes following all safety rules and proper, courteous conduct.

Failure to follow safety rules or to properly supervise children will result in the expulsion from the range for the remainder of the day or permanent expulsion from the range.
No refunds will be given.

IV. GUN HANDLING RULES

In case of severe sickness or injury on the ISRA Range it is everyone's responsibility to help secure the Range and assist the Range Safety Officer (RSO).

Know and obey all range commands.

The Big Picture Rule: Be aware of what is going on around you. Respect others and their equipment.

No shooting at unauthorized targets (cans, bottles, boxes, etc.). Shoot only at authorized targets per specific Range rules.

No shooting at target frames.

Maintain the proper target height to ensure that the fired projectile, after passing through the target, hits the desired portion of the backstop. This will reduce the possibility of ricochets. **See Specific Range Rules.**

All people present on the range are responsible for the safety of everyone present. Anyone perceiving an unsafe situation has the duty and authority to immediately call a 'Cease Fire.' Everyone present must obey such a Cease Fire command the same as if it came from an RSO.

Unload, open the action, remove the magazine and ground and/or bench or rack all firearms during a cease fire.

When firearms are benched, racked, or grounded, keep the actions open and ejection ports facing upward so chambers are visible. If in a rack, muzzles must be pointed up with the action open. The use of an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) is mandatory.

Muzzle-loading firearms or break or hinged action rifles, shotguns, pistols or air guns do not require an ECI when they are in a rack.

If you are using a hard case, please make sure that there is an indicator (tape) on the outside of the case indicating where the muzzle is pointing.

No one shall handle any firearm or stand at the firing line where firearms are present while others are down range. "Down Range" is anywhere beyond the firing line, from O yards to the backstop. Policing the area (picking up brass or trash) in front of the firing line is

permissible only during a cease-fire. Policing the area between the ready line and the firing line is only permitted when the range is "hot."

When uncased firearms are present, individuals must step behind the ready line while others are down range. Similarly, on ranges 8, 9, 10 and 11 (where there is no ready line), individuals must be 10 feet away from tables where firearms are present. Firearms may be holstered on training ranges 8-11 but must not be handled during a cease fire; or when others are down range in front of them during live fire.

Members arriving at a range during a cease-fire may post targets but should wait until all members are behind the firing line before moving any gear to the firing line.

Everyone practicing must be in control of their firearm until the firearm is placed securely on the firing bench, table, rack, holster or other stable object case or container. When any long gun is not at the firing line all muzzles be pointed up or enclosed in a case.

All uncased guns must be unloaded with the action open and with an empty chamber indicator (ECI) ***in the chamber.***

Negligent discharges are grounds for removal from the premises.

Firearms may only be loaded or unloaded while facing down range at the firing line or in a provided safe area.

If a firearm is dropped, a cease fire must be called. The firearms retrieved must be unloaded and checked before being returned to service.

Dry firing is only permitted at the firing line, with muzzle pointed downrange, and only when authorized (when the range is "hot" and firearms may be handled); or in a designated "safe area"; or in a class under the supervision of an instructor or Range Officer.

All shooting is to be into backstops only. Always keep the muzzle pointed at the backstop. Never allow the muzzle to point in any direction other than the impact area of the backstop.

Deposit all trash in containers.

ARCHERY

Archery activities are only allowed on the Archery Range 7. Archery is not permitted on any of the firearm ranges.

Rules for holster use on the ISRA Range

- Open and Concealed Carry are now allowed on the ISRA range **subject to the following conditions:**
- Only ISRA Range members and guests that hold a valid concealed carry license, which you may be asked to produce by a Range Safety Officer, may carry concealed on the range.
- Sworn police officers may carry on the range.
- You MUST produce your license when asked.

- Participants in concealed carry classes and competitors in tactical pistol matches may open carry while on **the specific range being used,** if the class or sanctioned comp etition requires it.
- A non-member competitor or class participant must load and unload their firearm on the range where they are competing and secure that firearm before leaving the event-specific range.
- Range member competitors/class-participants who hold a valid CCL may carry concealed after leaving the class or competition. **But open carry is not permitted beyond the event's specified range.**
- At no time will the trigger finger or other finger be inside the trigger guard during holstering or during any remedial action. The trigger finger may be placed on the trigger once the firearm has reached the low ready, high ready or index position.
- Open and concealed firearms may only be loaded or unloaded on the firing line or other safe area.
- When moving about the range you may not remove your firearm from its holster except at the direction of a Range Safety Officer, Match Director, or Match Director's designee.
- Concealed and/or open carry may be banned from competition or training at the discretion of the Match Director or instructor.
- Anytime a firearm is drawn, strict muzzle discipline must be maintained. At no time will the muzzle sweep yourself or any other person. All muzzles must be kept pointing down range.
- No shoulder holsters, or cross draw holsters, or small back holsters will be permitted.
- All holsters must firmly retain the firearm by compression, loop, strap, hood, or other device.
- Special training courses that are held on Range 11 may be modified by pervious approval of the course of fire by the Executive Director, Director of education & Training, RSO Leadership Committee or the Range/Facilities Committee.

Ammunition malfunctions: Misfires, Hang fires, and Squib loads.

A misfire is when a cartridge does not fire after the primer has been struck by the firing pin.

A hang-fire is a perceptible delay in the ignition of a cartridge after the primer has been struck by the firing pin. The normal procedure for handling both misfires and hang-fires is to:

- Keep the gun pointed downrange (in a safe direction).
- Wait at least 30 seconds in case it is a hang fire
- For muzzle-loaders, if the cap or the frizzen pan ignites, it is safe to assume it is a hang fire. With muzzleloaders, **wait at least three minutes.**

A squib load is when there is less than normal pressure or bullet velocity after ignition of the cartridge. The bullet may or may not exit the barrel. Squib loads are identified by difference in recoil or noise. The normal procedure for handling squib loads is:

- Stop firing immediately.
- Keep the gun pointed downrange.
- Unload the gun-make sure the chamber is empty.
- Insert a cleaning rod down the barrel from the chamber end (if possible) to make sure the bullet is not lodged in the barrel.

Notify the RSO when there is a firearm stoppage malfunction.

It is prohibited to:

- Shoot prior to 8:00am.
- Shoot after legal sunset. Legal sunset is defined for Kankakee County in the IDNR Hunting & Trapping Guide.

Use of fully automatic or burst control firearms (this includes Hellfire-type devices, slide fire or bump fire type devices, binary triggers and other devices that act in a similar manner). Exceptions may be approved by the Executive Director for official law enforcement or military training with prior approval.

- Use armor-piercing, explosive, incendiary or tracer ammunition.
- Handle firearms while any person is down range.
- Hunt on ISRA Property.
- Performed un-aimed firing, snap shooting, or quick draw shooting, except that SASS, IDPA, USPSA, Steel Challenge, and NRA Action Pistol type shooting will be allowed so long as all shots/muzzle direction/safety rules of these sports is strictly adhered to.
- Shoot under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medications that may impair judgement.
- Use rifle chambered for the .50 caliber Browning Machine Gun cartridge or any cartridge derived from the .50 caliber Browning Machin Gun cartridge-anytime, on any range.

Note: Shooting at target carriers and frames, as well as overhead baffles, is not allowed and will be considered a willful destruction of range property and will be dealt with accordingly.

VII. Specific Range Rules

Ranges shall be known by the following number:

#1 West Pistol Range	**#5** 100 Meter Range	**#9** Training 25 Meter Range
#2 East Pistol Range	**#6** Shotgun Range	**#10** Training 25 Meter Range
#3 High Power Rifle Range	**#7** Archery Range	**#11** Training 25 Meter Range
#4 100 Yd Benchrest Range	#**8** Training 25 Meter Range	**#12** Air Gun Range
#13 Tomahawk Range		

Ranges #1 & #2: Pistol Range (25 and 50 Yard Range)

Only common pistol calibers are allowed. No single shot pistols in center-fire rifle calibers will be allowed at any time; shooters may use the 100-yard range.

Pistol caliber rifles are allowed. These would include .22 rimfire, .30 M1 Carbine, .380ACP, 9mm, .357 Sig, .40S&W, 10mm, 44 magnum and .45ACP.

Rifles or Carbines in .223/5.56mm *OR other rifle calibers* are NOT allowed.

Rifle caliber carbines may only be used in sanctioned competitions, classes or when otherwise authorized by the Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee or Range/Facilities Committee.

.20, and .22 calibers rim fire rifle, as well as shotgun slugs, buckshot, birdshot and black powder firearms are permitted.

Drawing from a holster is not permitted on ranges 1 and 2.

Any paper target may be used as long as it fits in the 24" X 24" target frame.

Calibers for shooting at steel targets will be range specific for that range. When shooting at steel targets, you must be in the lane that corresponds to the lane the steel target is in. **NO CROSS LANE SHOOTING.**

To avoid sweeping the muzzle past other people on the range, firearms must be uncased or cased only at the firing line, with the muzzle pointing down range. All uncased firearms must remain on the firing line. (Exceptions may be made with prior approval by the Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee, or Range/Facilities Committee.)

A common firing line will be used for all shooters. The minimum target distance is 4 yards.

The center of the target should be as close as possible to the center of the slot height of the target frame and centered between the frame's uprights. Relative to the height of the shooter, target position may be adjusted to keep trajectory as close as possible to horizontal, within the limit of the available space for the cardboard backer.

Multiple targets may be arranged within the confines of the target frame (24" x 24").

Calibers for shooting at steel targets will be range specific for that range. When shooting at steel targets, you must be in the lane that corresponds to the lane the steel target is in. NO CROSS LANE SHOOTING. Rules for shooting steel targets are posted on appropriate Ranges.

With prior approval, classes or matches may establish firing lines forward of the concrete pad. If the firing line is forward of the concrete pad, the target will be placed as close as possible to the base of the impact berm and centered as close to 48 inches above nominal ground level as possible.

Prone, kneeling and sitting positions on the ground are not permitted on Ranges 1 and 2.

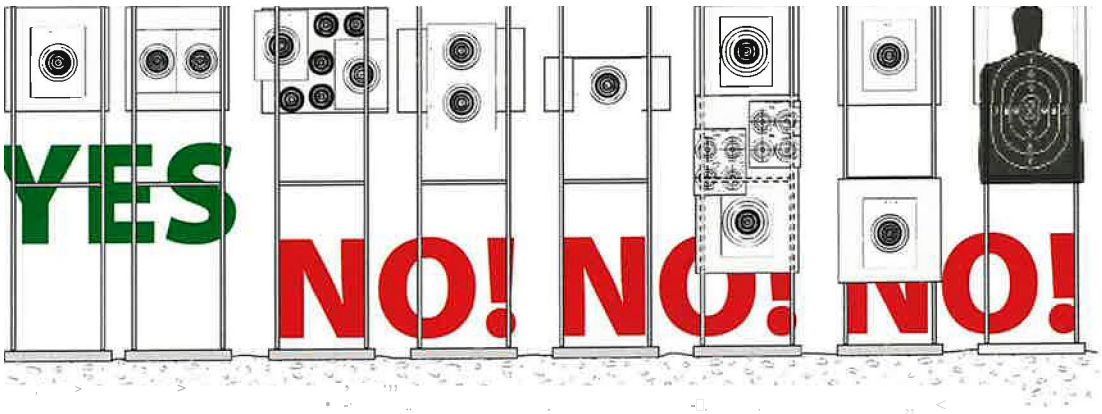
COLD WEATHER: The shelters at the West end of Range 1 and East end of Range 2 may be used for shooting in cold weather. 2 (two) **red flags** should be placed into the flag holder outside the shelter, to let others know that someone is shooting from inside. The flag should be returned to the holder inside the shelter, when the member has completed shooting. When shooting from inside, target frames should be positioned so that all shooting is directly down range.

Please open the window before shooting and close the window when you leave.

Note: Shooting at target carriers and frames, as well as overhead baffles, is not allowed and will be considered as willful destruction of range property and will be dealt with accordingly.

Correct target placement for ranges 1 and 2

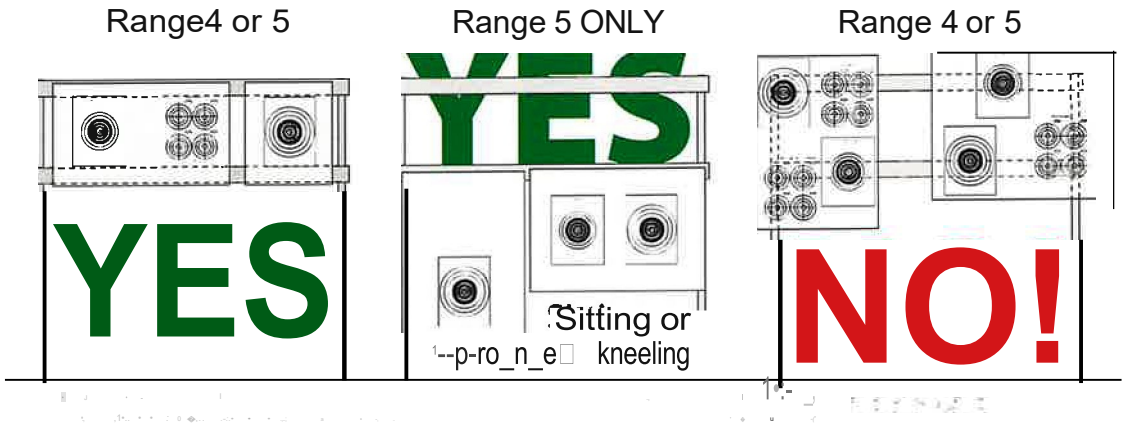
Place target in the center of the cardboard
Cardboard should be 24 x 24 (or close to that size)
Incorrect target placement can cause ricochets to leave the range.



Standing, or sitting at a Bench

Correct target placement for ranges 4 and 5

Place target in front of opening, not in front of wood



Range 4 is Bench Rest ONLY.
On Range 5 position shooting is permitted: Standing, Sitting, Prone, or Bench.

Range #3: James Vinopal Range

High Power Rifle (200 and 300-yard range)

Important: If you do not know proper elevation, do not use the High-Power Rifle Range to sight in. You must start on the 100-yard range, range 4, or the 100-meter range, range 5 beginning at 50 yards, using a large (at least 30" x 30") target and shooting using the bench. Once you have zeroed in at 50 yards, you may then place the target at 100 yards. After you have sighted in at 100 yards and are confident you can stay on target, you may then move to the High-Power Rifle Range "Range # 3."

Shooters may use either the 200 or 300-yard firing line on this range. All shooters must use only the provided target carriers. Practice targets are available on the outside of the target shed near the entrance to the pits. All targets are to be returned to the rack when shooting is completed, and the rack should be covered with the provided tarp.

The first person on the range will determine which firing line to use, either the 200 or 300 yard. The next person to arrive may either join the shooter or wait until the first shooter has completed firing and then determine his or her firing line. Cooperation is of utmost importance! Please do not tie up the firing line for more than one hour at a time - give your fellow members a chance to use the facilities.

To avoid sweeping the muzzle past other people on the range, firearms must be uncased or cased only at the firing line, with the muzzle pointing down range. All uncased firearms must remain on the firing line. (Exceptions may be made with prior approval by the Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee, or Range/Facilities Committee.)

Note: Shooting at target carriers and frames, as well as overhead baffles, is not allowed and will be considered as willful destruction of range property and will be dealt with accordingly.

No rimfire calibers except 17 HMR, 17 Win Mag and 22 Win Mag are permitted at 200 or 300 yards. No pistol calibers at 200 or 300 yards except by special arrangement. No Black Powder at 300 yards.

Shotguns, whether using slugs or shot, are not allowed on the High-Power Rifle Range at any time.

There will be no permanent benches at or on the 200-yard firing line. However, members may bring their own portable benches, which must be removed when leaving the range. All cartridge cases and trash must be removed when leaving the firing line and pits.

At the 300-yard firing line, the firing line must be determined by the use of the benches. If shooters are firing from the benches, all firing must be done from the concrete slab. However, if no one is using the benches, the grass firing line may be used. Shooting from the standing (off hand) position is not allowed at 300 yards.

Special targets, conditions, and rules may be used during special organized events that are under the direct supervision of a match or event director and approved by the Board of Directors, Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee, or Range/Facilities Committee. These include special clinics, CMP clinics, and international shooting events or instruction.

Pit Policy

Eye and ear protection are required.

After all firing is completed:

- All carriers must be chained down.
- All targets must be removed and placed back on proper storage Racks. Wooden uprights must remain in the carriers.
- All trash must be picked up and removed from the pit area.

Vehicle Policy

Vehicles may be driven to the 200-yard firing line, only if the ground is dry. Park in the low area behind the firing line, or on the slope well behind the firing line. When the ground is wet, all vehicles must be parked behind the entryway and walk-in entrance.

NEVER drive any street vehicle on or across any firing line.

Target Puller Policy

Each shooter may have another person in the pit to pull and score the targets (it is highly recommended to utilize a two-way radio for better communications). All pit personnel must enter and leave the pits through the tunnel provided. Eye and ear protection is required.

At NO TIME shall anyone be anywhere in the pits except on the catwalk unless the range has been secured and marked as closed.

Range #4: 100 Yard Benchrest Range

All firing must be done from the concrete benches. The firing line is determined and marked near the north edge of the concrete slab. All shooters will always shoot from the firing line at all times.

At no time will targets be placed closer than 50 yards from the firing line.

No position shooting is allowed on this range. Position shooting includes standing, kneeling, sitting (other than at the bench) and prone.

Targets must be attached to cardboard mounted on the wooden target frames, in such a manner that no wood is behind the aiming center of the target.

To avoid sweeping the muzzle past other people on the range, firearms must be uncased or cased only at the firing line, with the muzzle pointing down range. All uncased firearms must remain on the firing line. (Exceptions may be made with prior approval by the Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee, or Range/Facilities Committee.)

Range #5: 100 Meter Range

Shooters must maintain a common firing line. The firing line is marked near the north edge of the concrete slab. When benches are used, they will be lined up on this line. At no time will targets be placed closer than 25 yards from the firing line.

Targets must be attached to cardboard mounted on the wooden target frames, in such a manner that no wood is behind the aiming center of the target.

Calibers for shooting at steel targets will be range specific. When shooting at steel targets, you must be in the lane that corresponds to the lane the steel target is in. NO CROSS LANE SHOOTING. Rules for shooting steel targets are posted on appropriate Ranges.

From any shooting position (standing, bench, sitting/kneeling, prone), the height of the bullseye should approximately correspond to the height of the firearm's muzzle, to ensure that all bullets hit the impact area of the backstop.

To avoid sweeping the muzzle past other people on the range, firearms must be uncased or cased only at the firing line, with the muzzle pointing down range. All uncased firearms must remain on the firing line. (Exceptions may be made with prior approval by the Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee, or Range/Facilities Committee.)

Range #6: Shotgun Range

Only #6 shot or smaller is allowed on the shotgun range. Rifle slugs, sabots and buckshot are prohibited. No rifles or pistols are allowed on the shotgun range.

For safety, please do not leave throwers cocked when leaving the range.

Clay birds may be shot using clay bird holders, ONLY when holders are placed in front of the East berm. Clay bird holders must be checked out from the RSO on duty and then returned by the member to RSO on duty when member is done using them.

Range #7: Archery Range

No firearms are allowed on the archery range.

Ranges 8-11

No Parking on the range. Only service or maintenance vehicles are allowed on the range.

The muzzle direction must be maintained in such a way that any discharge will remain inside the shooting bay.

Ranges 8-11 are for pistols or pistol caliber firearms only. Pistol caliber rifles are allowed. These would include .22 rimfire, .30 M1 Carbine, .380ACP, 9mm, .357 Sig, .40S&W, 10mm, and .45ACP.

Rifles or Carbines in 44 magnum, .223/5.56mm OR other rifle calibers are NOT allowed.

Shotguns and rifle caliber carbines may only be used in sanctioned competitions, classes or when authorized by the Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee or Range/Facilities Committee

Range #8: Training 25 Meter Range

- All targets must be placed in the marked area on the target board only. NO exceptions. There is no minimum shooting distance from targets properly placed on the target board. All shots must impact a berm.
- No shooting at blue barrels, into side berms or concrete barriers.
- No shotguns or rifles allowed unless part of an approved class.
- Firearms may only be loaded or unloaded while facing down range, or in a provided safe area.
- Drawing from a holster and firing is allowed.
- All holsters must firmly retain the firearm by compression, loop, strap, hood, or other retention device.
- No shoulder holsters, cross draw holsters, or small of the back holsters are permitted. Appendix carry holsters are allowed.
- Any time a firearm is drawn strict muzzle discipline must be maintained. At no time will the muzzle sweep yourself or any other person. All muzzles must be kept pointing down range.
- To avoid sweeping the muzzle past other people on the range, firearms must be uncased or cased only at the firing line, with the muzzle pointing down range. All uncased firearms must remain on the firing line. (Exceptions may be made with prior approval by the Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee, or Range/Facilities Committee.)
- Moving and shooting straight forward or straight rearward or sideways is allowed.
- Reloading on the move is allowed with extreme caution and muzzle discipline.
- At no time will the trigger finger or other finger be inside the trigger guard during holstering or during any remedial action. The trigger finger may be placed on the trigger once the firearm has reached the low ready, high ready, or index position.
- When shooting multiple targets, shooters are limited to 3 targets, one directly in front of the shooter and one to his or her immediate left and right only.
- Any and all dropped ammunition, magazines, guns etc. will be retrieved only when the line has been declared clear and all firing has stopped. All dropped firearms will be unloaded and checked for debris or damage before returning to service.
- During the course of fire, prior approval of an approved class, range rules may be modified by previous approval of the course of fire by the Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee or Range/Facilities Committee.

- Moving and shooting straight forward or straight rearward or sideways is allowed.

- Reloading on the move is allowed with extreme caution and muzzle discipline.

- At no time will the trigger finger or other finger be inside the trigger guard during holstering or during any remedial action. The trigger finger may be placed on the trigger once the firearm has reached the low ready, high ready, or index position.

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On Range 8, the use of clay bird targets are allowed when doing the following:

1, Pistols are to be the only firearms used to shoot at clay birds on Range 8.

2. Clay birds are to be placed on the berm in the normal bullet impact area above the rubber wall in the dirt impact area.

3. No cross-shooting is allowed at clay birds.

4. The target frame in front of the clay bird placement is removed and placed to the side walls of the Range, & out of the way.

5. Clay birds can be shot at any distance between 5 & 25 yds. on the Range.

6. Target frames shall be put back in place after shooting the clay birds are complete.

Range #9: Training 25 Meter Range

Any class or sanctioned competition takes priority over any other activity.

- All targets must be placed in the marked area on the target board only.
- NO exceptions. There is no minimum shooting distance from targets properly placed on the target board. All shots must impact a berm.
- No shooting at blue barrels, into side berms or concrete barriers.
- No shotguns or rifles allowed unless part of an approved class.
- Firearms may only be loaded or unloaded while facing down range, or in a provided safe area.
- Drawing from a holster and firing is allowed.
- All holsters must firmly retain the firearm by compression, loop, strap, hood, or other retention device.
- No shoulder holsters, cross draw holsters, or small of the back holsters are permitted. Appendix carry holsters are allowed.
- Any time a firearm is drawn strict muzzle discipline must be maintained. At no time will the muzzle sweep yourself or any other person. All muzzles must be kept pointing down range.
- To avoid sweeping the muzzle past other people on the range, firearms must be uncased or cased only at the firing line, with the muzzle pointing down range. All uncased firearms must remain on the firing line. (Exceptions may be made with prior approval by the Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee, or Range/Facilities Committee.)
- Moving and shooting straight forward or straight rearward or sideways is allowed. Reloading on the move is allowed with extreme caution and muzzle discipline.
- At no time will the trigger finger or other finger be inside the trigger guard during holstering or during any remedial action. The trigger finger may be placed on the trigger once the firearm has reached the low ready, high ready, or index position.
- When shooting multiple targets, shooters are limited to 3 targets, one directly in front of the shooter and one to his or her immediate left and right only.
- Any and all dropped ammunition, magazines, guns etc. Will be retrieved only when the line has been declared clear and all firing has stopped. All dropped firearms will be unloaded and checked for debris or damage before returning to service.
- During an approved class, range rules may be modified by previous approval of the course of fire by the Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee or Range/Facilities Committee.

Range #10: Training 25 Meter Range

Any class or sanctioned competition takes priority over any other activity.

All targets must be placed in the marked area on the target board only.

NO exceptions. There is no minimum shooting distance from targets properly placed on the target board. All shots must impact a berm.

- No shotguns or rifles allowed unless part of an approved class.
- Firearms may only be loaded or unloaded while facing down range, or in a provided safe area.
- No shooting at blue barrels, into side berms or concrete barriers.
- Drawing from a holster and firing is allowed.
- All holsters must firmly retain the firearm by compression, loop, strap, hood, or other retention device.
- No shoulder holsters, cross draw holsters, or small of the back holsters are permitted. Appendix carry holsters are allowed.
- Any time a firearm is drawn strict muzzle discipline must be maintained. At no time will the muzzle sweep yourself or any other person. All muzzles must be kept pointing down range.
- To avoid sweeping the muzzle past other people on the range, firearms must be uncased or cased only at the firing line, with the muzzle pointing down range. All uncased firearms must remain on the firing line. (Exceptions may be made with prior approval by the Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee, or Range/Facilities Committee.)
- Moving and shooting straight forward or straight rearward or sideways is allowed.
- Reloading on the move is allowed with extreme caution and muzzle discipline.
- At no time will the trigger finger or other finger be inside the trigger guard during holstering or during any remedial action. The trigger finger may be placed on the trigger once the firearm has reached the low ready, high ready, or index position.
- When shooting multiple targets, shooters are limited to 3 targets, one directly in front of the shooter and one to his or her immediate left and right only.
- Any and all dropped ammunition, magazines, guns etc. Will be retrieved only when the line has been declared clear and all firing has stopped. All dropped firearms will be unloaded and checked for debris or damage before returning to service.
- During an approved class, range rules may be modified by previous approval of the course of fire by the Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee or Range/Facilities Committee.

Range #11: Training 25 Meter Range

Any class or sanctioned competition takes priority over any other activity.

- All targets must be placed in ISRA provided or approved target stands only.NO exceptions. There is no minimum shooting distance from targets properly placed on the target board. All shots must impact a berm.
- No shotguns or rifles allowed unless part of an approved class.
- Firearms may only be loaded or unloaded while facing down range, or in a provided safe area.
- No shooting at blue barrels, into side berms or concrete barriers.
- Drawing from a holster and firing is allowed.
- All holsters must firmly retain the firearm by compression, loop, strap, hood, or other retention device.
- No shoulder holsters, cross draw holsters, or small of the back holsters will be permitted. Appendix carry holsters are allowed.
- Any time a firearm is drawn strict muzzle discipline must be maintained. At no time will the muzzle sweep yourself or any other person. All muzzles must be kept pointing down range.
- To avoid sweeping the muzzle past other people on the range, firearms must be uncased or cased only at the firing line, with the muzzle pointing down range. All uncased firearms must remain on the firing line. (Exceptions may be made with prior approval by the Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee, or Range/Facilities Committee.)
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- At no time will the trigger finger or other finger be inside the trigger guard during holstering or during any remedial action. The trigger finger may be placed on the trigger once the firearm has reached the low ready, high ready, or index position.
- When shooting multiple targets, shooters are limited to 3 targets, one directly in front of the shooter and one to his or her immediate left and right only.
- Any and all dropped ammunition, magazines, guns etc. Will be retrieved only when the line has been declared clear and all firing has stopped. All dropped firearms will be unloaded and checked for debris or damage before returning
- During an approved class, range rules may be modified by previous approval of the course of fire by the Executive Director, Director of Education and Training, RSO Leadership Committee or Range/Facilities Committee.

Range #12: AIR GUN ONLY

Range 12 is located inside the classroom and is only to be used when there is no class scheduled.

No air guns that have a velocity of over 700 FPS or larger than .177 caliber may be used. If your rifle or pistol uses compressed air (pre-charged pneumatic) or CO2 filled from a bottle, great care must be taken when filling your air gun. Those under the age of 18 should not fill their own air gun from a compressed air or CO2 bottle.

All those who are using compressed air or CO2 tanks must make sure their tanks have a current Hydrostatic test. Check posted rules for compressed air and CO2 tank usage located in the club house.

The only positions allowed are standing, sitting, kneeling and prone. Airsoft is not

allowed. Air gun .177 Cal.

Target heights are pre-determined by the target support system, High for standing, Middle for sitting, Low for prone.

All air guns will be handled with the same safety precautions as a standard firearm. No firearms are allowed on this range--air guns only.

Range #13: TOMAHAWK RANGE

Located in the wooded area South of Range 4

Tomahawk range rules

- The thrower must be in the throwing box.
- Those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- All shoes must have closed toes.
- Long pants are highly recommended.
- A helmet is recommended.
- No one can be directly behind the thrower.
- No fiream1s are allowed on the Tomahawk range.

VIII. GENERAL MUZZLELOADING FIREARM RULES

Muzzle loading rifles may be utilized on the following ranges:

Pistol ranges 1 and 2; high power range #3 from 200 yards only; 100-yard range #4, 100-meter range #5;
Ranges# 8, 9, 10 and 11 when specifically authorized by Executive Director, Range/Facilities Committee, & RSO Leadership Committee.

Muzzle loading pistols may be utilized on the following ranges:

Pistol ranges 1 and 2, ranges 8, 9, l0 and 11.
Any class or sanctioned competition takes priority over any other activity

For both rifles and pistols all rules and guidelines established for the noted ranges will be followed, which include target placement and shooting positions.

Muzzle loading firearms are defined as any type of firearm loaded from the muzzle (or into the chamber of a revolver) regardless of the type of ignition system the firearm utilizes, i.e. flintlock, percussion cap, or primer for in-line actions.

- The firing line will be a line struck immediately in front of several firing points. For ranges # 8 and 9, firing line can vary as shooter can adjust the distance from the posted target depending upon the desire of the first shooter on that range.
- All casing and uncasing of muzzle loading firearms must be done at the firing line, unless otherwise in an Authorized Approved Sanctioned event.
- Movement with a firearm from the loading area to firing line will be conducted in a safe manner; long gun barrel pointed directly up with muzzle above shooter's head. Pistol shooters shall carry firearm with muzzle pointed directly up but need not keep the muzzle above the head.
- Placement of an ignition cap or priming of the pan on a flintlock will only be accomplished when the shooter is at the firing line.
- Snapping of caps or flashing priming pan in preparation for shooting will only be allowed when the range is in an active or "hot" condition.
- Misfires must be rectified by the shooter in a safe manner, waiting three minutes to determine if a hang-fire condition exists. After waiting three minutes, check for possibility of a dry-ball condition (no powder in barrel), or plugged ignition system, to be cleared by pick, removal of charge utilizing compressed air or CO2 system (safest method), or pulling ball with mechanical device. At all times muzzle discipline must be maintained as the firearm must be considered loaded until it is rendered clear.
- No loaded firearm may be taken from the firing line.

- No open powder containers are allowed on loading benches. Containers designed to dispense powder shall have positive closure method to prevent accidental ignition of powder.
- A powder measure will be utilized to transfer powder from its storage container into the firearm. No direct dispensing from container to firearm.
- Flintlock firearms may only be loaded when frizzen and hammer are in open or forward position. Prime the pan only on firing line.
- No blowing down the barrel in any manner that requires placing the shooter's head in front of the muzzle. A flexible blow tube may be utilized provided the shooter's head is not placed in front of the muzzle.
- Only black powder or approved black powder substitute can be utilized. Smokeless powder is not permitted.
- The shooter's position and immediate surrounding area is that person's responsibility to keep clean and orderly.
- Loading of muzzle loading arms will only be performed from a loading bench that is behind the firing line. No loading from powder horns or the like is permitted on the firing line.
- When a muzzle loading firearm is returned to the loading bench, the loading rod (ramrod) should be inserted into the barrel to indicate the firearm is unloaded (empty) and rendered "safe."

Muzzle loading shotguns, (smooth bore equipment firing shot) can be utilized on all ranges currently available to shotgun use in a manner appropriate for that specific range. Equipment shooting solid projectiles will only be utilized in the ranges as specified previously for muzzle loading rifles. Loading for shotguns or pistols shall be accomplished away from the firing point at a table. Loading a muzzle loading shotgun at the shotgun range shall conform to loading as specified. Bench to be to be supplied by shooter is none are available.

IX. LEAGUE, CLUB, OR SHOOTING GROUP MATCHES

Any league shoot, club shoot or group shoot will adhere to the following range commands and to the general muzzle loading firearm rules as approved and adopted by the Illinois State Rifle Association:

Cease fire. Command can be voiced by anyone. All shooters are to immediately stop shooting activity and await instructions from person declaring the cease fire.
Cease fire command may be used for either of two reasons:

An unsafe condition exists on the range (voiced by range officer or competitor).

The specified time limit has expired (voiced by range officer only).

Are there any hot ones? Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. Any loaded and capped/primed firearm is considered hot.

Dump them in the berm. Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. Shooter having a "hot" firearm will discharge their piece into the backstop berm not into any target.

Ground all rifle butts (or bench all pistols) and make the line safe. Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. All rifles will be placed against the loading bench with the muzzle pointed up and rifle butt upon the ground. Pistols will be placed with the muzzle on the loading bench and in the case of revolvers, and in the case of revolvers empty chamber indicator in place. Single shot pistols will have empty chamber indicator placed in an empty barrel.

You may go forward and pull and place targets. Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. At the last match or end of shooting session the command will be modified to include removal but not replacement of new targets and/or retrieval of target backing cardboard or the like.

No more targets may be placed. Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. An indication the match is about to begin.

Ready on the right. Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. Call for shooters' attention on the right side of range, with reference to down-range, as the range is about to be declared open/hot.

Ready on the left. Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. Call for attention on the left side of range, with reference to down-range, as the range is about to be declared open/hot.

Ready on the firing line. Voiced by range officer or person in charge of match. Range will be declared open/hot in a short period of time.

X. RANGE COMMANDS

Preparing the range for live firing

COMMAND: "THE PREPARATION PERIOD STARTS NOW"

Meaning: Shooters may occupy their firing points, prepare, and dry fire at their targets.

COMMAND: "THE PREPARATION PERIOD HAS ENDED"

Meaning: Shooters must stop preparation activities.

COMMAND: "LOAD" (optional for training)

Purpose: To notify participants that they can load the prescribed number of rounds. For muzzleloaders, the commands are somewhat different. The command to "Commence Firing" is given after which the participants will snap a minimum of three caps prior to loading the firearm. The command "load" is not for muzzleloading shooters.

Action: Participants will load the prescribed number of rounds and stand ready for the next command.

COMMAND: "IS THE LINE READY?"

Purpose: To determine if all shooters along the line are ready.

Action: All shooters not ready should indicate their status to the range officer. If a shooter is not ready, they shall call out "THE LINE IS NOT READY!" The Range Officer may use other methods of indicating "NOT READY!" but those should be made clear in the Range Safety Briefing. Sufficient time will be allowed for the shooter to complete his preparation. Once the shooters indicate they are ready, the commands will resume at **"IS THE LINE READY?"**

COMMAND: "READY ON THE RIGHT!"

Purpose: To declare that the shooters have indicated they are ready.

Action: Any shooter not ready at this command may choose to either alert the line officer that he or she is not ready or to complete the process of getting ready before the final command has been given.

COMMAND: "READY ON THE LEFT!"

Purpose: To continue the command prior to giving the commence firing command.
Action: Any shooter not ready at this command may choose to either alert the line officer that he or she is not ready or to complete the process of getting ready before the final command has been given.

COMMAND: "READY ON THE FIRING LINE!"

Purpose: To notify all participants that the range is about to be under live fire and that if anyone is not ready at this point, he should call a range officer; otherwise, await the next command.

Action: Participants simply await the next command. Firing Period

Command: "COMMENCE FIRING!"

Purpose: To declare the range is formally open for live fire.

Action: The participants may commence the prescribed course of fire. Muzzleloaders may snap caps prior to loading. No muzzleloader may be loaded before the command to fire has been given.

Firing shall continue until a predetermined time period has lapsed or until all participants have completed the prescribed course of fire. During informal shooting events when participants are finished firing, they should simply open the action, clear the firearm, bench or ground the firearm and step back behind the line and wait until all shooters have completed the event. After this, a mutually agreed upon cease-fire is called.

COMMAND: "SHOOTERS, YOU HAVE (X) NUMBER OF MINUTES LEFT TO COMPLETE THE COURSE OF FIRE" OR "SHOOTERS, FIRE YOUR REMAINING ROUNDS."

Purpose: To alert all shooters that a general cease-fire is about to be called and to allow the slower shooters to complete the course of fire. Those that have completed the day's activities may put away their equipment. In the event that there are rounds remaining that have not been fired, the shooter, upon the command, "Cease-Fire", simply unloads, clears and grounds or benches his or her firearm.

COMMAND: "SNAP CAPS!" (Muzzleloading only)

Purpose: To ensure the flash hole is open, and the barrel is free of any material (oil) capable of causing a hang fire. In some events, this command is also used to determine if all firearms are unloaded. In others, safety precautions require the guns to be uncapped and unprimed with hammers down prior to leaving the line.
Action: All participants using percussion type muzzleloaders shall step up to the firing line, affix a primer cap, point the firearm down range and "snap" the cap.

COMMAND: "CEASE-FIRE!" ' Purpose: To stop all firing.

Action: All participants shall unload, open, remove magazines and bench or ground all firearms. If activities are complete for the day, step back from the line or clear the area by packing away firearms, ammunition, or other gear and clean up the area (may be signaled verbally, by whistle, horn blast or removing targets from views).

Stop fire and declare the range safe

COMMAND: "RANGE IS CLEAR!"

Purpose: To alert all shooters along the line that travel beyond the firing line for purposes of target change or retrieval, the removal of brass and trash is approved.
Action: Participants may move down range as directed or desired to change or remove targets or to clean up. The next relay shall not take up positions on the firing line until told to do so. Participants not going down range are to stand back from the firing line and away from firearms. NO firearms will be handled while others are down range.

Optional Commands

COMMAND: "OPEN AND SHOW CLEAR!"

Purpose: To keep the line safe during training and certain action events.

Action: During training or certain events, the Range Officer may give the command "OPEN AND SHOW CLEAR!" following the command to "CEASE FIRE!" Upon receiving this command, the shooters will remove all magazines, cartridges, or shells from their firearm. All participants shall remain in place, keeping their firearms pointed down range or in a safe direction until the Range Safety Officer or whomever he or she designates inspects each firearm. After each firearm has been declared safe, the Range Safety Officer will give commands he or she deems appropriate

COMMAND: "AS YOU WERE!"

Meaning: Disregard the command just given.

COMMAND: "CARRY ON!"

Meaning: Proceed with what was being done before the interruption.

COMMAND: "RELAY NO. , MATCH NO. ___

THE FIRING LINE "Meaning: These shooters are to move to their firing points

COMMAND: "GO FORWARD, SCORE TARGETS AND PASTE" (OR CHANGE)

Meaning: Authorizes shooters to go forward of the firing line to change targets.

COMMAND: "PULL!"

Purpose: Comply with trap, skeet, sporting clays, or other similar shotgun events.
Action: When the shooter gives a command "PULL!" the trapper or whoever is in charge of throwing clay birds on the shotgun field will immediately activate the throwing machine.

At the Illinois State Rifle Association, we advocate very strongly for gun safety. We encourage everyone to treat firearms with the utmost respect and practice safe handling at all times.

Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility. Don't be afraid to ask for help or advice when it comes to owning and operating firearms.