

Estes Park Gun and Archery Club (9-26-16)

Outdoor Range Orientation and Safety

Safety is of the utmost importance to the Estes Park Gun and Archery Club (EPGAC). The Club is providing this outdoor range orientation and safety training, with knowledge on how to use the Common Point Outdoor Range safely. It is your responsibility to ask questions if anything is not clear. You are responsible to familiarize yourself with ALL information in this training. Violating Club rules, abuse of facilities or committing an unsafe act can result in removal from range, suspension of privileges, and revocation of membership.

Range Orientation

Initials

- _____ 1. The range access road (Noels Draw Lane) is under deeded easement rights with private property surrounding land. This is a one lane road with passing pull offs but no other trespass is allowed. Please respect the posted speed limit. The Common Point range begins at the blue road signs and currently ends at the upper Trap/Pistol/Rifle range (note-Private property sign beyond).
- _____ 2. The gate combination is on the membership card/badge and is not to be given out to any non-members. When opening gate do not swing or over extend the gate. There are many property owners & utility locks on the chain. Always place the lock on the chain back on the last link it came from. Please take time to read the signs on the gate about current range use. If there is someone behind you when entering or trying to enter when you leave it is your responsibility to ensure they are a member and they have a current membership card/badge. If you have any reason to believe a non-member is on the range, ask for their card / badge or report them (license plate, descriptions) to a Club board member.
- _____ 3. Upon entering the range, there is a range bulletin board that has copies of rules, news, and contact information. Please take the time to read it regularly.
- _____ 4. Restroom facilities are to the left of the 25 yard pistol range. These facilities are maintained by the Club. Please take care of them. Do not put anything in them except something you have eaten first or the toilet paper provided.
- _____ 5. Dumpsters are provided at all three ranges for your range trash. Range trash includes paper targets, unusable target backing wood, empty ammunition boxes and spent shotgun cartridges. **Personal trash is absolutely forbidden.** Even food wrappers encourage bears to dump over the trash bins. Empty cartridges, steel, aluminum, and brass are to be placed in the buckets provided at each range. The dumpsters are not your target, please do not shoot at them.
- _____ 6. Once on the range you must stop at the 25 yard pistol range and sign in. Failure to sign in will result in disciplinary action. All guests must be signed in on the attendance sheet and have read & signed the Liability Release signature sheet.

(Pending Set-Up)

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7. **25 Yard Pistol Range use:** Use ONLY the target stands provided in the range shed. **DO NOT** use steel target plates, debris (cans) targets or any other targets of opportunity, high or low. **DO NOT** shoot the distance markers, the pipe mounts, target stands or the side barricades. Place target holder stand in the provided grey pvc pipe holders and staple or tape your paper target to the cardboard. All shooting must be done behind the red firing line.

The pistol range is limited to handgun calibers ONLY. These include:

.22 short, long, and long rifle, 22 WMR, 25 ACP, 32 ACP, 380 ACP, 9mm, 38/357, 40/10mm, 45 ACP, 45 LC, 44 mag, 454, 480 and 500 SW. Absolutely NO rifle cartridges, even if they are fired from a handgun like a Thompson contender. This includes 5.56/223 or 7.62 x39 handguns.

- Please clean up all spent cartridges and target residue.
- Place target stands and cardboard if usable back in range shed.

8. **Rifle Range use:** There are distance positions from 25, 50, 75, and 100 yard to place target stands found in the storage shed to the distance desired. No shooting over, around, or below target holders. Target edges are the range boundaries and **No** shooting to other ranges or off targets including dumpster or tables.

9. **Archery Range use:** Only archery, NO firearms allowed on range. If one questions its occupancy, please clear range by shouting out that you are coming through to make sure no one is shooting from tree stands on the trail. REMOVE target covers prior to shooting targets. Replace target covers when you have finished using the range.

10. **Trap/Pistol/Rifle range use:** Never enter the range if someone is shooting from 85 yards (back of range). Stop and wait for a cease fire, then speak to the occupying member. Please share the range. Remember that there is a 30 minute time limit. The backstop target boundaries are the range boundaries. Do not shoot over, around, or under the target holders. Shotguns are only to be used for patterning or until Trap Days are announced. No repetitive shooting of buckshot or slugs cutting target backing. Reactive Steel targets are allowed and must be placed as close to the backstop as possible.

11. There are two buckets at every range. Please pick up all expended shells. Use one bucket for steel and aluminum, and the other is for brass. Please help the cleanup crews by sorting the shells into buckets.

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SAFETY RULES FOR RANGES

TREAT ALL FIREARMS AS IF THEY ARE LOADED!

1. **ALWAYS keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.**

This is the primary rule of firearm safety. A safe direction means that the firearm is pointed so that even if it fired it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on different circumstances.

2. **ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**

When holding a firearm, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the firearm. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.

3. **ALWAYS keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use.**

Loading or unloading of firearms is permitted ONLY while on the firing line in a safe manner. Loading of magazines or clips with rounds is permitted anywhere on the range. Holstered handguns, in accordance with Colorado Law regarding open carry, or with a valid Conceal Carry Weapons Permit (CCW) may be loaded, but shall not be removed from the holster until on the firing line and it is safe to do so. Cased or bagged firearms shall be unloaded and not removed from the package until on the firing line and safe to do so. Firearms shall be unloaded and returned to cases or bags prior to leaving the firing line. Exception: handguns may be holstered while loaded.

4. Club members using the Common Point Outdoor Range are their own Range Safety Officer and are responsible for their guests knowing the safety rules and filling out the Release of Liability form. On designated Public Days, a Range Safety Officer will be supervising each outdoor range. If you witness an unsafe act or a potential unsafe act, call for a cease fire and remedy the situation. If there are issues or violations, you can report them anonymously to any Range Safety Officer of the Club or Club board member. Feel free to contact any board member via phone or email. Remember this is YOUR range, abuse may raise your Club dues. Safety issues and/or accidents can cause the Club to lose use of the range property. (Club member or non-members (public) using the Community Drive Indoor Range are always supervised by the Club's Range Safety Officer.)

5. Prior to going down range at any Common Point range, all firearms are unloaded, magazine removed, actions open. No firearms are to be touched for any reason while the range is cold or members are down range. Only when all the shooters are behind the firing line and no one is down range can firearms be handled and range is considered hot.

6. There is no shooting outside of range boundaries. Range boundaries are always the backstop target stand boundaries.

7. It is YOUR responsibility to: Know your target and what is beyond it. Know your firearm and how to safely use it. Know your ammunition and how to properly use it.

8. Types of ammunition not allowed on the range: Tracers, Incendiaries, API (Armor-Piercing Incendiary) or AP (Armor Piercing) rounds of any type .

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- _____ 9. Reactive / explosive targets of any type are not allowed on ANY range.

- _____ 10. Possessing or consuming alcohol or drugs on the range is prohibited. Consuming ability impairing drugs (prescription, legal or illicit) prior to shooting is also prohibited. If you are found in an impaired or an unsafe state you will be asked to leave the range and subject to disciplinary action as stated in the Club's By-Laws.

- _____ 11. Firearms must be unloaded when moving the weapon from the vehicle to the range and from the range to the vehicle. Firearms should be cased or holstered when possible when transporting them.

- _____ 12. Ear and Eye protection must be worn while on the range at all times. You must provide your own protection equipment. The Indoor Range does have loaner Ear & Eye protection for anyone using that facility.

- _____ 13. I am responsible for my actions and the actions of my guests. I am held responsible for any violations my guests and I commit.

- _____ 14. Per 2016 Concession Agreement, automatic firearms are prohibited.

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Outdoor Range Orientation Safety Training

After this presentation, please read & sign and then present to trainer to validate your training. Pages one (1) through four (4) are considered your lesson material for future reference.

I understand that not all safety issues can be covered in this briefing. All the information in this orientation has been explained to my complete understanding and satisfaction. All my questions have been answered and I understand I am responsible for information contained in this briefing. I understand I am responsible to check the range bulletin board for any changes that might be made to range rules and regulations. I understand that violating rules whether intentional or unintentional can result in disciplinary action. I understand I must have my club card / badge at the range at all times and must present it when asked.

Date: _____

Date: _____

Member name print

Club trainer print

Member Signature

Club trainer signature