

Estes Park Gun and Archery Club (7-13-22)

Common Point Outdoor Range Orientation and Safety

Safety is of the utmost importance to the Estes Park Gun and Archery Club (EPGAC). The Club provides this outdoor range orientation and safety training to instruct members how to safely use the Common Point Outdoor Range. It is your responsibility to ask questions if any points are 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. Official law enforcement training exercises may deviate from some of these rules with prior permission of the Board.

Common Point Outdoor Range Orientation

Initials

- _____ 1. The Common Point Outdoor Range access road (Noel's Draw Lane) is under deeded easement rights with private property surrounding the road and Range property. No trespassing is allowed. Please respect the posted speed limit. The Common Point Outdoor Range begins at the blue road signs and currently ends at the upper Trap Range. **Shooting is allowed year-round from sunrise to sundown ONLY.**
- _____ 2. The gate combination is printed on the membership card/badge and may not be given out to any non-members. The combination changes each calendar year in January and is provided at the time of membership renewal. When opening the gate do not swing or over-extend the gate. There are several property owner & 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 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 reason to believe a non-member is on the range (other than known adjacent property owners), ask for their card/badge or report them (with license plate, other descriptions) to a Club Board member.
- _____ 3. Upon entering the range, there may be signs with copies of rules, news, and contact information. Please take the time to read them and the Club website (especially the calendar) regularly.
- _____ 4. Restroom facilities are 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. Close the door completely so it latches after each use.
- _____ 5. Dumpsters are provided at all three ranges for range trash only. Range trash includes paper targets, unusable target stand cardboard, 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, nickel and brass should be placed in the buckets provided at each range. The dumpsters are not your target, please do not shoot them.
- _____ 6. Once on the range you must stop at the target shed 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.

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7. **Use of Target Stands:** Place the target stand in the provided gray PVC pipe holders at each target position and staple or tape your paper target to the cardboard. Do not apply adhesive targets to the target stand cardboard as they are difficult to remove. Staple or tape these targets to the cardboard instead, without removing the adhesive backing. Place target stands and cardboard, if useable, back in range shed. Replace cardboard that is no longer useable. Remove all targets from the cardboard.
8. **25 Yard Pistol Range use:** There are target positions at 7, 10, 15, 20 and 25 yards. Use ONLY the target stands provided in the range shed. **DO NOT** use steel target plates, debris targets (cans), any other targets of opportunity, high or low. **DO NOT** shoot the distance markers, the pipe mounts, target stands or the side barricades. All shooting must be done behind the wooden benches. The pistol range is limited to handgun and rimfire rifle 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 centerfire rifle cartridges, even if they are fired from a handgun. This includes 5.56/223 or 7.62 x39 handguns. Draw from holster allowed only at far left shooting position or center opening, away from the benches. The preferred location for draw from holster is the Tactical Range. No shotguns are allowed on the Pistol Range.
9. **100 Yard Rifle Range use:** There are target positions at 25, 50, 75, and 100 yards to place target stands found in the storage shed. No shooting over, around, or below target holders. Handguns should not be used at the Rifle Range when other shooters are present except in cases of training classes or special events. Pistol shooting beyond 25 yards can be done at the Tactical Range. No shotguns are allowed on the Rifle Range.
10. **Archery Range use:** Only archery, NO firearms allowed on range. If there is any doubt, 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.
11. **Trap Range use:** The Trap Range consists of two ranges, the Tactical Range and the Long Rifle Range. For safety reasons only one range can be used at a time. The Tactical Range is the area near the backstop. It is primarily used for pistol shooting. The Long Rifle Range consists of 200 and 300 yard ranges with steel targets. Shooters are not allowed down range and no user targets are allowed. Members must familiarize themselves with the Trap Range SOP before using either range at this location. Obey all signs. Please share the range. Remember that there is a 30 minute time limit if other members are waiting. Shotguns are only to be used for patterning into the backstop, left of the plywood target stands. Member-furnished steel targets are allowed at the Tactical Range only and must be placed as close to the backstop as possible, left of the plywood target stands. Shooting steel targets at close range is extremely dangerous and is strictly prohibited. Shooters are responsible for knowing the minimum safe distance for shooting at steel targets for the pistol round used. Center-fire rifle rounds are not allowed at the Tactical Range with steel targets.
12. There are buckets at every range. Please pick up all expended shells. Shotgun shells (Tactical Range Only) should go in the dumpster. Do not leave trash in the buckets, only expended shells.

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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 or 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 the Concession Agreement with the Estes Valley Recreation and Park District, automatic firearms are prohibited.

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Outdoor Range Orientation Safety Training Acknowledgement by Member

After this presentation, please read & sign and then present to trainer to validate your training. Pages one (1) through four (4) and the Trap Range SOP are yours. Keep them 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 of 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 or web site 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 name print

Member Signature

Club trainer signature

Attachment: Trap Range SOP