

## RANGE SAFETY RULES

**THIS IS A “COLD” RANGE!** All firearms will remain **UNLOADED** except while you are under the direct observation of a Range Officer.

All loading and unloading will be conducted **ONLY** in the designated areas.

**Long guns** will have their actions open immediately at the conclusion of each shooting string and while being carried on the range, unless enclosed in a case or scabbard.

**Handguns** are to be kept holstered except when on the firing line, at the loading/unloading tables, in a safety area, or at the shooter’s vehicle.

ALL competitors & spectators are required to wear eye and hearing protection.

### **The following acts are considered UNSAFE GUN HANDLING and are subject to DQ penalties:**

1. A **dropped gun** on the firing line (from the loading table until guns are cleared at the unloading table).  
The shooter will NOT pick up a dropped gun. A Range Officer will recover it, examine it, clear it and return it to the shooter
2. **Any discharge** striking anything within 10 feet of the shooter; any discharge at the loading or unloading areas; or any other discharge that is deemed unsafe. (Exception for “*expendable props*” if specified)
3. Violation of the **170° safety rule**/Failure to manage appropriate muzzle control.  
(Please practice safe muzzle control at all times, especially with crossdraw holsters at the loading table)
4. Returning a revolver to leather with the hammer not **fully down** on a spent round or empty chamber.
5. A **cocked** revolver leaving the shooter’s hand
6. An unfired round left in the **chamber** of a long gun.
7. **Changing location** with a live round under a cocked hammer or a gun with the hammer down on a live round.
8. Failure to comply with **loading and unloading** procedures.
9. Use of an illegal or illegally modified firearm. Any use of illegal items.
10. Holstering or staging a revolver with the hammer down on a **live round**.
11. SWEEPING **anyone** AT **ANY TIME** with the muzzle of **any** firearm.
12. **Dry firing** at the loading table. (Dry firing **is** allowed at designated safe areas.)
13. **De-cocking** a revolver, rifle or hammered shotgun with a live round under the hammer.
14. Any other unsafe gun handling such as fanning.

Dropped or ejected ammo is considered “dead” and will not be recovered until the shooter completes the course of fire. Staged ammo dropped back to where it was staged or ammo safely placed on a prop by the shooter is NOT considered “dead”.

The use of Drugs or Alcohol will not be tolerated this range.

Interpersonal conflicts, belligerent behavior and/or unsportsmanlike conduct are grounds for **MATCH DISQUALIFICATION** and possible ejection from the range.