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## SAN LEANDRO RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE SAFETY POLICIES

The following Policies are ALWAYS in effect at the range:

1. **Safe direction**
  - Always keep the gun (muzzle) pointed downrange or in a safe direction.
  - Firing or pointing a loaded gun in any direction (floor, ceiling, etc.) other than directly at an approved target are grounds for immediate removal from the range, revocation of range privileges, and liability for damage.
2. **Finger off the trigger**
  - Keep your finger off the trigger (out of the trigger guard) until your sights are on your target and you are ready to fire.
3. **Action open**
  - Pistols must be carried to and from the firing line in a suitable locked container.
  - Rifles must be carried to and from the firing line in a suitable locked container or with the actions open and empty.
  - Loaded firearms are allowed only on the range firing line.
4. **Understanding**
  - Shooters must understand range commands issued in English or have an interpreter with them at all times while in the shooting area.
5. **New shooters**
  - People who have never fired a rifle or pistol (or persons unfamiliar with firearms they intend to discharge) must be accompanied by and coached by an experienced shooter or instructor.
6. **Handling of firearms**
  - Casing and uncasing of firearms must be done at the firing line.
  - Firearm loading and unloading must be performed on the firing line only with the firearm pointed down range. Do not load/reload firearms anywhere behind the firing line.
  - There will be no handling of firearms behind the firing line, during a cease fire, or when anyone is down range.
  - Loaded firearms are not to be left unattended.
  - If you have more than one shooter and only one gun, leave the gun at the station and change shooters. Do not pass the gun from one station to another.
7. **Eye and ear protection** is required by all shooters as well as spectators within the vicinity of shooting activities. Ear protection may be removed during a cease fire.
8. **Uncontrolled shooting**
  - Rapid fire is not allowed.
  - Cross-firing or diagonal shooting is not allowed.
9. **Shotguns**
  - Only shotguns firing 2 3/4 inch non-magnum slugs *and* equipped with a full shoulder stock are allowed. No exceptions.
10. **Holsters are not allowed**
  - Exceptions: law enforcement and steel shoot.

**11. Ammunition not allowed**

- Armor piercing or steel core
- FMJ on 100 yd range
- Tracer ammo
- .50 caliber or above except for Black powder firearms
- Magnums other than .22 on inside range
- Wolf ammo (steel core) on inside range
- No .22 ammo on the 100 yd range

12. **No live ammo** or miss-fired ammo is to be placed in the trash cans.

**13. Disruptive behavior**

- Anyone participating in horseplay or language that is considered to be loud, abusive, or profane will be asked to leave the premises.

14. **Alcohol or illegal drugs** are prohibited at the range. Persons believed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be refused use of the range.

15. **Children** anywhere on the property must be supervised by an adult and wear hearing protection in the vicinity of shooting activities.

16. **Smoking is prohibited** indoors and on the outdoor firing line.

17. **Dogs are not allowed** outside of vehicles on range property.

**18. Black Powder**

- May not be stored on range property.
- May not be carried into the building.
- Containers must be sealed on the firing line.
- Smoking is prohibited within 15 feet of a black powder shooter on the firing line.
- Black powder firearm must be charged from a separate measure, not directly from a flask or powder horn.

**19. Young shooters**

- No one under 12 years old may shoot (except rifles in the junior club). Over 12 years old must have a signed consent from parent or guardian, stating that the range is not responsible for any accidents they may have while shooting.  
12 to 16 year olds may only shoot 22 rifles, and only while under direct adult supervision.
- 16-18 years old: No one between the ages of 16 and 18 years old is allowed to shoot handguns unless accompanied by a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian.
- 18-20 years old: To shoot a handgun, must have a note from their parent or be accompanied by a shooter 21 years or older.

**The range master has final authority and may inspect any firearm or ammunition to be used on the range.**

## **The Range Master Has the Authority to Interpret and Enforce All Range Rules**