



City of San Jose Municipal Firing Range

Operated by the *SANTA CLARA VALLEY RIFLE CLUB*

GENERAL USE RANGE RULES

For SCVRC Members and Guests, Special Events, and SCVRC Board of Director Approved Group Access Shooting

EACH INDIVIDUAL SCVRC MEMBER OR AN SCVRC APPOINTED RANGE OFFICER (RO) HAS THE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THESE RULES IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY. ANY ACTING RANGE OFFICER HAS THE RIGHT TO EXPEL AND/OR REFUSE SERVICE TO ANYONE.

SCVRC Members and their guests using the Range must first register in the SCVRC logbook. **All first-time users of the range must fill out and sign a liability release waiver which will remain on file at the range.** It is expected that all SCVRC Members, their guests, and other groups will adhere to and practice safe firearm handling and use guidelines, as outlined by the NRA, while engaged in all shooting activities. It is also expected that common courtesy and a willingness to reach an acceptable compromise shall be the primary means of managing use of the Range in the absence of specifically scheduled events. **Signing-in indicates that the person has read and agrees to comply with all rules and regulations.**

RANGE ACCESS: Individual SCVRC Member access to the range shall be determined by the SCVRC Executive Committee. The Range shall be available to eligible SCVRC Members at any time not already in use by a specifically scheduled event.

- 1) A designated SCVRC approved Range Officer (RO) shall control the Range during all shooting activities.
- 2) **No** alcoholic beverages, smoking, nor persons under the influence of alcohol or impairing drugs, shall be permitted in the Range regardless of participation in actual shooting.
- 3) Ear and eye protection shall be worn by all persons in the Range during all shooting activities regardless of participation in actual shooting.
- 4) No loaded firearms shall be permitted behind the designated safety line. For the purposes of this section a loaded firearm shall be defined as:
 - a) Any firearm with a live round in the chamber.
 - b) Any firearm with live ammunition in a fixed magazine or cylinder.
 - c) Any firearm with a detachable magazine that has a magazine inserted into the magazine well.
- 5) FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION: All firearms shall be in good working condition.
 - a) RIFLES: Only .22 lr caliber rimfire rifles may be used. Center-fire calibers having a muzzle energy less than 450 ft-lbs are acceptable (ex.: .25-20 Win; .32-20 Win; small caliber custom hand loads based on the following equation: $[(M_{\text{grains}} \times V_{\text{ft/sec}}^2) / 450400 = \text{energy in ft-lbs}]$). Air guns, including compressed gas, pneumatic, and CO₂ guns, may be used.

- b) PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS: All calibers, .22 through .45, having a muzzle energy less than 450 ft-lbs, are acceptable.
 - c) SHOTGUNS: Any shotgun may be used. Only ammunition where the shot is loose in the shell is allowed. **NO STEEL SHOT OR SLUGS ALLOWED.**
 - d) AMMUNITION: Ammunition shall be in a safe condition. **NO MAGNUM OR FULL METAL JACKET LOADS SHALL BE ALLOWED.** Full metal jacket ammunition for .380 caliber (NOT 9mm or .38 super) and below may be used.
- 6) No junior (a minor under 18 years of age) may use any firearm unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. A junior accompanied by any other adult must have in their possession a written, signed statement by that junior's parent or legal guardian granting permission to use the *specific* firearm(s) (Sec. 12101; 12072; 12552, California State Penal Code).
- 7) Range Maintenance and Clean-up:
- a) Expended brass shall not be swept or thrown into the backstop trap. All unclaimed brass shall be placed in a separate container specifically labeled for brass.
 - b) Paper, trash and other non-hazardous materials shall be placed in trash containers separate from brass. No trash or other debris shall be swept or thrown into the backstop trap. Targets and target debris that enter the pit during the normal course of shooting shall be removed as best as possible.
 - c) Misfired or damaged ammunition shall be collected separately from expended brass and given to the RO. Misfired or damaged ammunition is to be placed in a specifically labeled container for proper disposal.
 - d) Bullets and recyclable bullet fragments shall either be placed in the backstop trap or placed in a separate container specifically labeled for this purpose.
 - e) Any material classified as a hazardous waste shall be placed in a separate container specifically labeled and used only for the purpose of collection and temporary storage of hazardous waste.
 - f) The Range shall be left in a state of cleanliness and readiness equal to or better than when it was entered.
- 8) The City of San Jose, the San Jose Municipal Firing Range, the Santa Clara Valley Rifle Club, its members, and Range Officers assume no responsibility for injuries or personal items damaged, lost, or stolen at the range.

NRA Gun Safety Rules

(http://www.nra.org/display_content/show_content.cfm?mod_id=58&id=1003)

1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.

This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off 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 gun, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.

3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

Whenever you pick up a gun, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the gun has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition. If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the gun alone and get help from someone who does.

When Using or Storing a Gun, Always Follow These NRA Rules:

Know your target and what is beyond. Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap. Think first. Shoot second.

Know how to use the gun safely. Before handling a gun, learn how it operates. Know its basic parts, how to safely open and close the action and remove any ammunition from the gun or magazine. Remember, a gun's mechanical safety device is never foolproof. Nothing can ever replace safe gun handling.

Be sure the gun is safe to operate. Just like other tools, guns need regular maintenance to remain operable. Regular cleaning and proper storage are a part of the gun's general upkeep. If there is any question concerning a gun's ability to function, a knowledgeable gunsmith should look at it.

Use only the correct ammunition for your gun. Only BBs, pellets, cartridges or shells designed for a particular gun can be fired safely in that gun. Most guns have the ammunition type stamped on the barrel. Ammunition can be identified by information printed on the box and sometimes stamped on the cartridge. Do not shoot the gun unless you know you have the proper ammunition.

Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate. Guns are loud and the noise can cause hearing damage. They can also emit debris and hot gas that could cause eye injury. For these reasons, shooting glasses and hearing protectors should be worn by shooters and spectators.

Never use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription or other drugs before or while shooting. Alcohol, as well as any other substance likely to impair normal mental or physical bodily functions, must not be used before or while handling or shooting guns.

Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons. Many factors must be considered when deciding where and how to store guns. A person's particular situation will be a major part of the consideration. Dozens of gun storage devices, as well as locking devices that attach directly to the gun, are available. However, mechanical locking devices, like the mechanical safeties built into guns, can fail and should not be used as a substitute for safe gun handling and the observance of all gun safety rules.

Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

Cleaning

Regular cleaning is important in order for your gun to operate correctly and safely. Taking proper care of it will also maintain its value and extend its life. Your gun should be cleaned every time that it is used.

A gun brought out of prolonged storage should also be cleaned before shooting. Accumulated moisture and dirt, or solidified grease and oil, can prevent the gun from operating properly.

Before cleaning your gun, make absolutely sure that it is unloaded. The gun's action should be open during the cleaning process. Also, be sure that no ammunition is present in the cleaning area.