

# EEGC PUBLIC RANGE SAFETY RULES

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## 1. Know how to operate your gun, and know these Safety Rules.

- a) Have the mindset that all firearms are to be treated as if they are loaded and in a condition to fire at all times.

## 2. Muzzle discipline is required at all times when handling firearms.

- a) Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. That's **DOWNRANGE** at the firing line, including when the gun is unloaded and benched with an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) in the chamber.
- b) Always lift the gun muzzle **STRAIGHT UP**, and keep it pointed **STRAIGHT UP**, every time you handle, move, or carry the always unloaded gun anywhere on the range. Keep your finger off the trigger, and have an ECI inserted into the chamber.
- c) Remove firearms from holsters or cases only at the open firing line. **Keep muzzles pointed downrange.** All safety rules must be followed.
- d) Never point at yourself or “muzzle sweep” another person when handling a gun, or when removing (and replacing) a gun from box, case, holster or car.

## 3. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

## 4. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

- a) Uncased firearms are immediately and safely checked to be unloaded.

## 5. Open Action, unload, remove magazine, and insert an ECI when not firing.

- a) Always insert an Empty Chamber Indicator (ECI) into the chamber when the gun is benched or handled. This includes when the gun is carried to and from vehicles and buildings, or moving to and from firing points and benches or racks behind the firing line.
- b) Any gun that will not hold an ECI when racked, will be benched on its side at the firing line, unloaded, muzzle downrange, with an ECI inserted into the chamber.

## 6. Load and fire only after the RANGE IS OPEN command is given.

- a) Load firearms (and unload) only at the firing point with the muzzle always pointing straight downrange toward the targets.
- b) Do not point a loaded gun above the targets.
- c) Do not prime or cap muzzleloaders until at the firing point with the muzzle pointing downrange.

## 7. Stop firing immediately when the CEASE FIRE command is given.

- a) CEASE FIRING immediately on the voice command, or on a buzzer signal, or when lights flash.
- b) After UNLOAD commands are given, all persons will move to behind the yellow line at the rear benches on the public range, and wait for further commands.
- c) There will be no gun or ammunition handling when the range is closed.
- d) Muzzleloaders, at a CEASE FIRE, immediately alert a Rangemaster if your gun is loaded or partially loaded. Do not leave the gun.
- e) If any firearm malfunction occurs, keep the muzzle pointed downrange, and immediately alert a Rangemaster. Stay with your firearm, and call a Rangemaster to you. Do not attempt gun repairs on the range.
- f) Any person shall immediately call out the command CEASE FIRE if they observe a situation where a possible injury to humans or animals may occur if firing continues. Firing will not resume until THE RANGE IS OPEN command is given by the Rangemaster.

## 8. Other Requirements:

- a) Only target or hunting type bullets are allowed. No tracer or armor piercing ammo. No exploding or incendiary ammo or targets.
- b) Shotgun firing is not permitted unless approved by the Rangemaster.
- c) Full auto firearms, and .50 BMG and similar large calibers, are not permitted.
- d) Fast or rapid firing must be controlled. When firing a string of shots, muzzle control must always be maintained. All shots must be aimed shots.
- e) No accessory or modification that compromises safety, is allowed.
- f) Shoot only on your own paper target. Do not shoot target frames or supports.
- g) Drawing from holsters, or any type firearm presentation, is not allowed.
- h) Ensure ALL FIREARMS are UNLOADED before being re-cased and/or stored for transport.
- i) Supervise all minors at all times.
- j) Be courteous to others, and obey all RANGE COMMANDS immediately.
- k) Report any unsafe condition or unsafe act to a Rangemaster immediately.
- l) Rangemasters shall have the final authority on any range rule or safety issue.

## 9. Range Commands - ALL RANGE COMMANDS MUST BE OBEYED IMMEDIATELY.

- a) **CEASE FIRE** - By voice, buzzer or flashing lights means all shooting will stop immediately.
- b) **OPEN ACTIONS & UNLOAD** - Shooters will open all slides, bolts, cylinders, levers, and break open actions, remove all cartridges and magazines from their firearms, lay the firearm on the shooting bench with the muzzle pointed downrange, and insert an Empty Chamber Indicator INTO the chamber.
- c) When "CEASE FIRE" is called, a loaded or partially loaded muzzleloader must immediately be reported to the Rangemaster.
- d) **THE RANGE IS CLOSED** - Everyone goes to, and remains behind the yellow line at the rear benches.
- e) No firearms or ammunition will be loaded, handled or touched while the RANGE IS CLOSED.
- f) **YOU MAY GO FORWARD** - Shooters may go forward to retrieve targets, or pick up their brass. On return, everyone will remain behind the yellow line at the rear benches. No handling of firearms or ammunition is allowed until the range reopens.
- g) **THE RANGE IS OPEN** - Shooters may step forward to the firing points, safely handle their firearm, load, and commence fire. Firearms will not be handled or loaded before the THE RANGE IS OPEN command.



1) Safe Direction  
2) Finger Off Trigger  
3) Unloaded &  
Action Open



**ALL PERSONS ARE REQUIRED TO USE PROTECTION FOR THEIR  
HEARING AND EYESIGHT WHEN ON EEGC PROPERTY**

**NO SMOKING**