

Santa Fe Trail Sportsman's Club

Range Orientation

1. Safety is everyone's business
2. The range opens at sun-up and closes when the sun goes below the west berm. Start cleaning up now, it gets dark quickly.
3. Gate is locked correctly after you enter and after you leave (have the RSO demonstrate daisy chain locks)
 - a. if you are locked out and have time to stay, call dispatch (620-227-4501) and ask for a deputy to come and unlock the range. It will take them 30 to 45 minutes. If you don't wait, the same one that locked it wrong, will show up and **NOT** see the problem.
 - b. if you do not have time to wait call the CRSO (618-975-2114) and he will take care of it as soon as possible.
4. Turn on the Range Light when you enter the range. The range light is the only warning the landfill employees have, that the range is hot. The last person to leave turns off the range light. The range **light** is located at the junction of the south rifle range berm, and the west pistol range berm. **The switch** is outside the west door of the range house.
5. Everyone will wear eye and ear protection on the firing line

6. All Firearms Safety Rules are in effect at all times:

- a. Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction
- b. Keep your finger off of the trigger until you have a good sight picture.
- c. Always keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use
- d. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded
- e. Never allow the muzzle to cover anything you are not willing to destroy.
- f. Always be sure of your target and what is behind it.

Misfire or Squib (if it doesn't sound right, feel right or look right)

- a. Muzzle down range for 30 seconds
- b. Clear and Safe firearm
- c. Inspect ejected cartridge and dispose of properly
- d. Check barrel for blockage

7. Shoot into west berms only. Always keep the firearms pointed in a safe direction, downrange = west, or at the ground.

8. After all firearms are secured the range should be policed (pick up and properly dispose of all casings, trash, targets, etc.) before leaving. Trash into metal cans, brass/casings into plastic cans

9. Keep all firearms unloaded with the actions open unless holstered on your belt

10. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. Ready to shoot means, you know your target, you have determined what is beyond your target, and you have the desired sight picture.

11. Cooperate and coordinate with others on your range. Everyone uses the same firing line, use movable targets if necessary.

12. The Range Safety Officer is in charge, when one is present.
13. If there is no RSO: (A) All shooters must agree that the firing line is hot before handling any weapons. Likewise all shooters must agree the firing line is cold before going downrange. (B) Don't depend on other people's implied agreement. Make them verbally acknowledge that the "**range is cold**". Some shooters may not notice that you want to go down range or may not hear you. (C) With the range cold, no handling of firearms is allowed. All guns must be placed on the bench with chambers open and magazines removed, unless holstered.
14. Anyone can call a Cease Fire. A "Cease Fire" is called any time a dangerous situation exists, i.e. someone drops a gun, someone points a gun anywhere other than down range, something moves ahead of the firing line, etc. Cease Fire means, all shooting stops and shooters await RSO instructions, or in the absence of an RSO, all shooters are made aware of why a cease fire was called, appropriate actions are taken and shooters agree when it is safe to resume shooting.
15. No weapons may be handled during a "Cold Range". People may be down range checking targets etc.
16. While your guests are on the range, you are **responsible** for their direct supervision and their actions. It is very difficult to shoot while you supervise, you must supervise the guests at all times.
17. Persons under the age of 18 are not permitted to shoot unless supervised by a **member** with current Range Orientation documentation on file.

Shooting Area

1. The north range is the rifle range. This range is for rifles, or handguns. Use a handgun chambered in a rifle caliber **only** on the rifle range
2. Steel on the Rifle range should not be engaged closer than 100 yds due to possible ricochets
3. The south range is the handgun range. Handgun calibers only, if your **handgun fires a rifle caliber** please **move to the rifle range**. All rifles use the north range
4. Steel on the Pistol Range should not be engaged closer than 10 yds, due to possible ricochets
5. Use only paper or cardboard targets, or when provided, steel gongs on the north or south end, of the target areas
6. No shooting in an **upward** direction. Place your target with this in mind
7. The following shall not be used as targets on this range: exploding targets, glass, electronics, appliances or other hazardous materials.
8. All wildlife are off limits, wildlife are **NOT** targets!

Range Cold - Firing line is not active. Shooters may go forward of the firing line only after the following has been completed and verified:

(A) **All** firearms are unloaded, lying on the bench with their actions open, or holstered

(B) **All** shooters must verbally acknowledge that the range is safe by clearly stating "**Range is Cold**"

If just arriving at the range during a "range cold" period, leave your firearms in the vehicle until the range is declared "hot". Targets, ammo and other materials can be handled during range cold periods.

Preparing to go Range Hot

1. All firearms must remain unloaded, action open and on the bench pointing down range, or holstered
2. All personnel must be behind the firing line.
3. Shooters must verify that all personnel are behind the firing line **and** verbally acknowledge their concurrence to go "range hot" by clearly stating "Range is Hot" to all parties on firing line.

Range Hot

1. Follow Range Safety Officer commands if present
2. All firearms must remain pointed down range.
3. Only fire into the west berm.
4. Only fire at targets that are mounted directly in front. Do not fire at targets that are across the range.
5. Steel on the pistol range must be engaged from a distance of 10 yds or greater. Other shooters on the pistol range must use the same firing line and use targets located 1/2 the target line away from the steel. Your safety is **YOUR** responsibility.
6. Steel on the rifle range must be engaged from a distance of 100 yds. Other shooters on the rifle range must use the same firing line.

Violation of the Range Safety Rules or Range Regulations may result in suspension or termination of your membership

Range Usage Check Sheet

- Open gate (wind direction)
- Close and lock gate (daisy chain locks)
- Turn on Range light and coordinate with others, if present
- Hang cardboard and targets
- Enjoy your range time
- Clean up all brass and residue, place in proper receptacles
- Inventory firearms, don't leave any behind
- Turn off Range light or coordinate with others, if present
- Open gate (wind direction)
- Close and lock gate (daisy chain locks)

Receipt of Range Orientation

Members Name _____(print)

Ability to safely handle a firearm:

Visual _____ (officer initial and date)

or

Documented _____ (officer initial and date)

documentation can be proof of completion of firearms training provided by the State (**not** hunter safety course) or NRA

I have received the Range Orientation brief and a written copy of the Range Orientation. I can show or verbalize the safe direction of fire at the range and will follow verbal range commands. I understand that a violation of the Range Safety rules or Range Regulations may result in suspension or termination of my membership.

Member Signature _____

Date _____