

EAGLEVILLE COWBOYS

RANGE SAFETY RULES

1. Every participant of a match is expected to be a safety officer. Each shooter is responsible for his/her own safety conduct. All shooters are expected to remain alert for the unsafe actions of others.
2. Any participant observing an unsafe action or range safety violation shall call for an immediate cease fire and report the violation to the nearest range officer or posse leader.
3. Treat every firearm AT ALL TIMES as if it were loaded.
4. All firearms shall remain unloaded except while you are under the direct observation of a range officer or posse leader, while on the firing line or in the designated loading area.
5. All loading and unloading shall be conducted only in the designated areas.
6. Six- guns shall be loaded with five rounds only (five shooters with four), the hammer lowered and left resting on the empty chamber.
7. Long guns shall be carried with the action open, chamber and magazine empty and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction when moving to or from the designated loading/unloading area of each stage.
8. Long gun actions shall be open, chamber and magazine empty, when transporting in gun carts.
9. Long gun actions shall remain open at the conclusion of each shooting string.
10. Rifles shall be staged pointed in a safe direction, away from the shooter, loaded and action closed with the hammer resting on the empty chamber.
11. Shotguns shall be staged with the action open, magazine and chamber empty, muzzle pointed in a safe direction, away from the shooter.
12. Handguns shall be transported about the range holstered and empty, except when the shooter is actively participating in a stage.
13. No weapons shall be handled except when the shooter is preparing for or involved in the shooting of a stage. **DO NOT SHOW OR EXAMINE FIREARMS WITH OTHERS**, this should be done at the completion of the match **IN A SAFE AREA**.
14. Eye and ear protection shall be worn at all times, **BY EVERYONE**, when in the immediate area of the firing line.
15. A dropped firearm shall remain on the ground. The shooter shall advise the range officer or posse leader, who shall recover the weapon and make it safe prior to returning it to the shooter. The shooter shall be disqualified from the stage and may, at the discretion of the match director, be disqualified from the match.
16. A dropped round of ammunition, while the shooter is participating in a stage, shall remain on the ground until the stage is completed.
17. Ammunition for handguns shall have a minimum velocity of 650 feet per second and a maximum velocity of 1000 feet per second.
18. All ammunition shall be loaded with lead bullets only. No gas checks or jacket ammunition shall be allowed.
19. Shotgun ammunition shall be of lead shot, number 4 or smaller in size.

20. The “170 degree rule” shall be observed at all times, while competing in a stage. This means the muzzle of the weapon shall be pointed straight down range, \pm or $-$ 85 degrees. This shall include during the drawing of a handgun from a cross draw holster.
21. Any violation of the “170 degree” rule shall result in disqualification from the stage and may at the discretion of the match director, result in disqualification from the match.
22. Any unsafe gun handling practices shall result in disqualification from the stage and may, at the discretion of the match director, result in disqualification from the match.
23. “FANNING” of a weapon is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.
24. A safe muzzle direction shall be maintained at all times and the muzzle shall not be allowed to “sweep” the other participants at any time. Violation shall result in disqualification of the stage and may, at the discretion of the match director, from the match.
25. All weapons shall be properly and safely handled at all times. Gun “twirling” or “juggling” shall not be tolerated at any time.
26. Shooters shall not leave the unloading table until all weapons are clear and inspected by the unloading officer.
27. All shooters shall be able to demonstrate a rudimentary familiarity and proficiency with all firearms being used by them.
28. Any accidental discharge of a firearm may result in disqualification from the stage, the entire match and expulsion from the range.
29. Only registered competitors may wear or carry firearms.
30. No alcohol shall be allowed, for anyone, until shooting has completed for the day.
31. No competitor shall be allowed to shoot, that has consumed alcohol within a period of 10 hours prior to the match.
32. Shooters must maintain a maximum state of awareness, compete in a safe manner and maintain peak ability throughout the match. No shooter shall ingest any substance, prescription or non-prescription, that may impair this ability in any way.

SAFETY FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS