

4-H Western Heritage Shooting

Shooter's Responsibilities Safety Rules and Practices

All 4-H rules apply.

General Rules:

1. The Range Officer (Timer Operator) is considered the boss of the stage.
2. Eye and hearing protection must be worn at all times by all at the range (spectators).
3. Always point your muzzle in a safe direction.
4. Long guns must have actions open – muzzle up when carrying.
5. Sidearms and rifles once loaded will remain on the loading table until you are called to shoot.
6. Shotguns are always staged empty.
7. Rifles are staged with hammer down on an empty chamber.
8. Handguns are always carried with hammer down on an empty chamber.
9. A shooter cannot move from one place to another with a firearm loaded or unloaded while shooting the stage.
10. Remember the 170 degree rule.
11. Discharging a firearm off the firing line could result in a match DQ.
12. Ammunition dropped during shooting is considered dead.
13. A dropped unloaded gun will result in a stage DQ. A dropped loaded gun will result in a match DQ.
14. Watch for squib loads. Cease firing and allow range officer to inspect the firearm at the unloading table.
15. When you have finished shooting, you will take all guns to the Unloading Table to be cleared under supervision.
16. When a Cold Range is called, no one is to handle a gun.
17. In the event of an emergency cease-fire, the shooter will point the gun in hand downrange in a safe direction and allow the range officer take control of the firearms as soon as safely possible.
18. We are all considered Safety Officers. If you see someone breaking a rule, politely inform a range official.
19. Anyone observing a major safety violation may call a ceasefire.