



FIREARM HANDLING AND GENERAL SAFETY RULES

SECTION A – GUN HANDLING RULES

The following NRA Gun Handling Rules are adopted as the basic firearm handling rules of the Provo Shooting Sports Park.

1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Always keep the action open and firearm unloaded until ready to use.
4. Know your target and what is beyond.
5. Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
6. Know how to use the gun safely.
7. Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
8. Wear eye and ear protection.
9. Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
10. Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.

SECTION B – GENERAL RANGE SAFETY RULES

Every shooter has the personal responsibility to make sure that each bullet fired impacts safely in a backstop or bullet trap. Every participant has a DUTY to report rules violations and unsafe acts.

1. Know and obey all range commands.
2. Know where others are at all times.
3. Fired cartridge casings may be retrieved by the shooter. Casings left or discarded on the range become the property of Provo City and will be disposed of accordingly.
4. Shoot only at authorized targets.
5. Ground level targets are not authorized.
6. No shooting at rocks, bricks, concrete, clay targets, water jugs, electrics, appliances, bowling pins, bowling balls or any other hard surface that may cause ricochets.
7. Range Safety Officer must be present and all shooters must check in with the Range Safety Officer prior to shooting.
8. Always keep the muzzle of any firearm pointed at the backstop. Never allow the muzzle to point in any direction whereby an inadvertent discharge would allow the escape of a projectile into an outer area.
9. All persons in the range area are required to wear hearing protection and eye protection.
10. Smoking is not allowed at the Provo Shooting Sports Park.

11. Always keep the action open and gun unloaded until ready to use. "Ready to use" means the gun should be loaded only at the firing line and only when authorized to load.
12. No food or drinks are allowed on shooting benches.
13. There shall be no use of intoxicants of any kind at the facility before, during or after shooting.
14. It is unlawful for a minor under 18 years of age to possess a dangerous weapon unless he is accompanied by a parent or guardian or has their permission to have the weapon. A minor under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a parent.
15. It is unlawful for a minor under 18 to possess a handgun unless the minor:
 - a. Is a patron of a lawfully operated target concession at an amusement center and the firearms used are chained or affixed to the counters;
 - b. Is in attendance at a hunter safety course;
 - c. Is engaged in practice at a range or other area where discharge of a firearm is not prohibited by law;
 - d. Is engaged in organized competition;
 - e. Is on real property with the permission of the owner, licensee, or lessee of the property and has permission of a parent or guardian or the owner to possess a firearm;
 - f. Is hunting lawfully;
 - g. Is traveling to or from any activity listed above.
16. Approaching the range:
 - a. Transport firearms in a case, unloaded and with the action open.
 - b. During cease fire periods, firearms should be placed in gun racks or left on the shooting bench and left untouched.
 - c. During active shooting, wait until authorized by the RSO before approaching a shooting bench.
 - d. Keep firearms pointed down range, action open and an empty chamber indicator (ECI) in place.
17. Use of armor piercing ammunition is prohibited.
18. Exploding or incendiary targets are not permitted anywhere at the Provo Shooting Sports Park.
19. It is unlawful to fire any tracer or incendiary ammunition in the State of Utah except within the confines of an established military reservation.
20. Dogs and other pets are not allowed at the park.
21. All personal belongings, including firearms, must be kept secure by the owner as neither the City its representatives or its employees are responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property.
22. Failure to obey a Range Safety Officer's order to leave the premises will result in prosecution.
23. No handling of firearms or standing at the firing line while others are down range.
24. Stop shooting immediately upon the command "Cease Fire."
25. When personnel are down range, a RSO must remain at the firing line to ensure that participants stand behind the yellow line and no one handles firearms.

26. If a malfunction occurs along the firing line, a Range Safety Officer should assess the situation before resuming firing. If the malfunction cannot be resolved, the firearm must be properly removed from the firing line under direction of the RSO.
27. No shooting after dark on the rifle and handgun ranges.
28. No alcoholic beverages are permitted at the Provo Shooting Sports Park.
29. Clean up all brass after shooting and place unwanted brass in designated brass barrel.
30. It is the duty of shooters to clean their firing points of litter, targets and other debris.
31. Reservoir tanks for either compressed air or CO2 for air rifles or pistols is prohibited on the firing line or in adjacent spectator areas.
32. Maintain the proper target height to ensure that the fired projectile, after passing through the target, hits the desired portion of the backstop. This will reduce the possibility of ricochets and projectiles escaping the property.
33. Person(s) refusing to comply with the Range Safety Rules or who have an unsafe firearm or who by their conduct demonstrates their presence to be a safety hazard, will be told to leave the premises.