

Red Cliffs Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc.

Standard Operating Procedures

**Rifle & Pistol Venue,
Southern Utah
Shooting Sports Park**

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CHAPTER 1

SAFETY PLAN

The objective of the Red Cliffs Rifle and Pistol Association (RCR&PA) is to provide the citizens of and visitors to Washington County suitable facilities where they can safely conduct hunter education qualification shooting activities, recreational shooting activities, firearm safety training activities, competitive shooting events and law enforcement firearm training activities.

Thus, the following Safety Plan has been created, adopted and implemented in order to adequately address safety concerns for all shooting sport activities.

PERSONNEL TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

A National Rifle Association (NRA) certified, “Chief Range Safety Officer” (CRSO) is appointed by the Association’s Board, and charged with the responsibility to advise the Board in matters of range safety operations. In addition to the advisory capacity, the CRSO is responsible to train and monitor Range Safety Officers (RSOs as a group, RSO for any individual) in accordance with NRA Standards.

The RCRPA will provide any location where the Association conducts shooting sports activities with qualified Range Safety Officers (RSO's) in order to safely conduct those activities in accordance with NRA safety standards and practices in addition to safety practices specific to the shooting activity being conducted.

The Range Safety Officer’s primary duty and qualification is to “possess the **knowledge, skills and attitude** essential to organizing, conducting and supervising safe shooting activities and range operations”. **RSOs must make sure that all persons at any activity follow range rules.**

When Rifle and Pistol Venue at the Southern Utah Shooting Sports Park is open to the public, at least two (2) RSO's and one (1) RAO must be in attendance at all times. The RSO's are to supervise the line, and the RAO is to work the Office, and also to assist the line RSO's when requested. Depending on the number of shooter's using the range, and their experience levels, the RSO in charge (RSOIC) has the discretion of calling out additional RSO's, or alternatively, limiting the number of users at the range to a level deemed to be safe.

While on DUTY, the RSO’s sole responsibility is to watch the firing line and range to insure the safety of all who are on the venue and those entering or exiting the facility. Unless the RSO is also certified by the NRA as an Instructor, the RSO shall refrain from providing instructions beyond those necessary to assure compliance with safety requirements. In those cases where an RSO is NRA certified in a specific discipline (Rifle or Pistol) they shall confine any instruction to that discipline.

In all situations, each RSO is to USE HIS or HER OWN GOOD JUDGMENT IN:

1. Educating Range Users on Range Safety Rules and Policies
2. Providing Direct Range Supervision
3. Enforcing Shooting Range Safety Rules
4. Providing Emergency Medical Services when necessary

GENERAL FIREARM SAFETY RULES

1. **ALWAYS** keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.

This is the primary rule of firearm safety. A safe direction means that the firearm is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on different circumstances.

2. **ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

When holding a firearm, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.

3. **ALWAYS** keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use.

Whenever you pick up a firearm, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the firearm has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition. If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the firearm alone and get help from someone who does.

These rules must be followed at all times!!!

SAFETY RULES FOR USING OR STORING A FIREARM

1. KNOW your target and what is beyond.
2. BE sure the firearm is safe to operate.
3. KNOW how to use the firearm safely.
4. USE only the correct ammunition for your gun.
5. WEAR eye and ear protection at all times on the range.
6. NEVER use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
7. STORE firearms so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.
8. BE aware that certain types of firearms and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions. i.e.: Black Powder Firearm shooting.

THE USE OF ALCOHOL OR MIND-ALTERING DRUGS BEFORE OR DURING SHOOTING ACTIVITIES IS NOT PERMITTED. ANY VIOLATIONS OF THIS RULE SHALL BE CAUSE IMMEDIATE EXPULSION FROM THE ACTIVITY AND ITS PREMISES AND OR MAY RESULT IN CRIMINAL CHARGES AND ARREST.

RANGE (VENUE) SPECIFIC SAFETY RULES

In addition to the basic safety rules above described and because the Red Cliffs Rifle & Pistol Association is not limited to providing shooting sports activities at only the Southern Utah Shooting Sports Park, and that facility contemplates expansion and development of additional range facilities there, safety is also addressed with regard to the unique safety requirements or those safety requirements particular to each range location. In addition, there may be procedures mandated by the governing body of any shooting sport discipline related to specific types of activities or competitive events.

RSOs conducting shooting activities at any location shall recognize the unique safety rules and considerations that apply to each range in addition to the basic safety rules stated in this SOP and ensure that all users of the Venue or location adhere to all applicable range rules.

SOUTHERN UTAH SHOOTING SPORTS PARK

The **Public Rifle and Pistol Range** is a “cold range” and no firearm may be loaded with a round in its chamber until and unless the shooter is at a designated firing position, AND the command to “load and commence firing” has been given by a Range Safety Officer. The only exception to the loaded condition element of this rule is for holstered firearms carried by persons who hold a valid concealed carry permit from the State of Utah or some other state whose permit is recognized as valid within the State of Utah. *Even then, a concealed-carry permit firearm may be removed from its carry holster ONLY at a designated firing position, and ONLY during a time of live fire.*

1. ABSOLUTELY NO SHOT MAY BE FIRED FROM ANYWHERE OTHER THAN A DESIGNATED FIRING POSITION.
2. ABSOLUTELY NO SHOT MAY BE FIRED FROM A HANDGUN IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING DRAWN FROM A HOLSTER.
3. ABSOLUTELY NO SHOT MAY BE FIRED WITHOUT THE FIREARM BEING VISUALLY ALIGNED WITH THE TARGET. i.e., NO "HIP" SHOOTING.
4. ABSOLUTELY NO SHOT MAY BE FIRED DURING A TIME OF CEASE FIRE.

Violation of any of these first four rules may be cause for immediate expulsion from the Rifle and Pistol venue and the Southern Utah Shooting Sports Park, and also may result in the person violating the rule being barred from entry to any portion of the Shooting Sports Park for up to one (1) year. Firearm safety is a deadly serious subject, and violation of these particular rules carries grave risks of causing death or serious bodily injury.

5. Eye and ear protection is required for all shooters, spectators and range safety personnel during live-fire periods on the range.
6. *All persons present MUST obey all range rules and commands at all times—immediately.*

7. Firearms will be “cased” and “uncased” only on the firing position with the barrels pointed downrange, and only when the range is “hot”.
8. **NO TRACER, INCENDIARY, OR ARMOR-PIERCING AMMUNITION IS ALLOWED AT THE SOUTHERN UTAH SHOOTING SPORTS PARK.**
9. In case of a firearm or ammunition malfunction, the firearm must be pointed down range. In the event of a hang-fire or misfire, the firearm’s action shall not be opened for at least 30 seconds.
10. No firearm will be allowed to be removed from the range in an unsafe condition.
11. Shooters under age 18 must be accompanied and SUPERVISED by an adult or an experienced shooter at all times.
12. No intoxicating beverages or mind-altering drugs are permitted on or in the vicinity of the range Venue or any other part of the Shooting Sports Park at any time.
13. **Firearms must be unloaded with the actions open and pointed in a safe direction at all times** until the shooter is at the firing point and ready to fire.
14. When a cease fire is called, shooters shall open the action, remove the magazine (if present and detachable), empty the magazine (if present and not detachable), clear the chamber, and bench the firearm with the action or ejection port facing up.
15. During any cease fire, all shooters shall be directed to stand behind the Red Line on the firing platform or outside the designated shooting area.
16. Shooters will not handle any firearm while under a cease fire command.
17. No shooter shall proceed down range for any reason until directed to do so by the RSOIC.
18. Any shooter may call a “Cease Fire” upon observing an unsafe condition on the range.
19. No eating, drinking or smoking is permitted on the firing line or shooting points. Designated break areas are for this purpose.
20. Only Rifles of .50 BMG caliber or less are allowed on this venue. Rifles larger than .50 BMG caliber will be allowed only at the discretion of the RSOIC. Black powder rifles may exceed the .50 caliber limit.
21. Handguns shooting pistol cartridges are restricted to the 100 yard section of the range. The only exceptions are BOD pre-approved special events such as the Huntsman handgun competition. Carbines shooting pistol cartridges may use any section of the range.
22. "Hunting" handguns shooting centerfire rifle cartridges may use both the 100 yard and 200 yard sections of the Range.
23. **Shotguns shooting any size shot must use one of the Training Bays (1-5), and the bay must be policed for shotgun debris following use. This restriction also applies to handguns shooting any size shot.**
24. Shotguns shooting slugs may use the main range with the provision that wads/sabots be policed following use.

CHAPTER 2

RANGE OPERATIONS GUIDE

GENERAL: Live firing conducted at the **Southern Utah Shooting Sports Park (SUSSP)**, Rifle and Pistol Range Complex is designed to provide the public and law enforcement agencies access to a facility where they can become proficient with privately owned and government issued firearms.

PUBLIC RANGE LIMITATIONS AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The Public Range consists of Shooting Benches No. 1 through No. 24.

Shooters at the Public Range will:

1. Fire only at times when the range is open and when a Range Safety Officer (RSO) is present.
2. Fire only authorized firearms and ammunition.
3. Fire at authorized targets only. Metal silhouette targets are for recreational shooting and matches.
4. Drawing handguns from holsters as part of the shooting process is not permitted at any time.
5. Fire only after completing a "hold harmless" agreement (Appendix 5). (Required for each visit to the range complex.)
6. Ensure all projectiles impact within the established range safety limits.
7. Ensure a Range Flag is displayed indicating that live-fire is in process.
8. Call "CEASE FIRE" and make safe all firearms before a shooter moves forward of the firing line or during any unsafe condition.
9. Call "CEASE FIRE" if a firing line becomes staggered (one shooter forward of another) anywhere on the range complex.
10. All shooters, observers and range staff shall wear **ear and eye protection** at all times during live-fire periods on the range.
11. Notify the RSOIC, RSO of any safety infractions.
12. Police all brass, paper, and other debris that accumulate on the range and place them in the containers provided.

AUTHORIZED & PROHIBITED FIREARMS FOR THE PUBLIC RANGE

Except for shotguns, fully automatic firearms, and "destructive devices", all other legal firearms are allowed on the Public Range. However, shotguns and fully automatic firearms are permitted in Training Bays 1 through 5. All range safety rules apply.

AUTHORIZED SHOOTERS

The general public, upon paying range fees set by the RCRPA Board, are welcome to use the Public range. Specialized groups such as, law enforcement, security, hunter education classes, concealed carry instruction classes and others are welcome to schedule times with the RCRPA President or the CRSO to conduct shoots in accordance with SUSSP policy and procedures. Fees for specialized groups are to be negotiated with the Board.

PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES

Chief Range Safety Officer: (CRSO)

1. Conduct NRA Range Safety Officer Training Program.
2. Coordinate the scheduling of range activities.
3. Ensure each RSO understands and can execute live-fire procedures.
4. Inspect the complex of ranges periodically to insure safety standards are being observed and upheld.
5. Monitor the RSOs to insure that safety standards and practices are upheld during live-fire and range operations.
6. Provide support and critique to RSOs by way of verbal feedback and coaching while conducting live-fire on the ranges.
7. Insure that range flags, communication equipment, first-aid supplies, SOP binder and hold harmless agreements are available on each range.

RSOs & RSOICs:

The Range Director must approve anyone desiring to become an RSO. RSO status is accomplished by attending an RSO class given by the CRSO. Information on dates and times for these classes can be obtained by contacting the RSO Coordinator.

1. Arrive at the range at least one half hour prior to the scheduled live-fire time.
2. Make sure that: “hold harmless forms, communication equipment, first-aid kit, range binder and range flag are available and in order.
3. Conduct a range inspection using the checklist, Outdoor Range Appendix 1. Check in all shooters and spectators, collect appropriate fees, and ensure that all present on the range have filled out the “hold harmless” agreement. Ensure that at least three individuals **(RSOIC + two RSOs, or one RSO and one RAO)** are on the range at all times. Additional RSO personnel may be needed during high shooter volume times. One RSO shall be scheduled as Range Master or, RSO in Charge (RSOIC). Only the RSOIC will direct that range commands are given and will supervise the other Range Officers.
4. Conduct Range Safety Briefing for those present at opening (using Appendix 2). Conduct Range Safety Briefings as others arrive to check in, pay fees, and complete the “hold harmless agreements”.

5. Conduct live-fire. Failure of shooters to abide by procedures will result in immediate eviction from the range complex (park) and possible suspension of future shooting privileges. Report all incidents to the CRSO in writing.
6. All incidents i.e.: first-aid situations, personal injury to users or personnel, accidental discharge, etc. which may give rise to any liability to the Southern Utah Shooting Sports Park its officers, operators or Washington County shall be reported in writing using the appropriate form and turned into the CRSO for review by the Board for follow-up and/or corrective action.

All Users of the Rifle and Pistol Venue:

1. Shooters must check in with the designated RSOIC on the range.
2. All shooters and spectators must fill out the "Hold Harmless" agreement and shooters must pay appropriate range fees.
3. Shooters and spectators will conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times and will be responsible for the conduct of the spectators they bring.
4. All shooters are responsible for their firearms and ammunition while on the complex.
5. Firearms that are out of the case and not being fired must be benched or in a firearm rack. (Actions open, chambers empty, muzzles pointing in a safe direction, and safeties on if possible.)
6. Only load firearms on the firing line after the RSOIC has given the command to "load and commence firing".
7. Do not point firearms at anything other than authorized targets.
8. Fire only at your own target.
9. Give the command "Cease Fire" if an unsafe condition exists.
10. Follow all instructions from the RSOIC.
11. Assist in policing the area of brass and any other debris.
12. No Pets are allowed on the range complex.
13. Shooters under 18 years old shall be accompanied and DIRECTLY SUPERVISED by a parent or responsible adult while on the RCR&PA Park.

Hours of Operation and Scheduling

The CRSO develops a schedule of range operation and live-fire activities. The schedule will be posted at the beginning of each month. All other range requests will be approved by the CRSO based on range availability.

RSO's in "good standing" may use the range in off hours providing:

- Such use is not in conflict with scheduled events.
- RSO's must sign-in and pay the "normal" charge(s) for supplies used, such as targets, etc.
- All standard range safety rules apply.
- Except for immediate family members, guests must register and pay the "normal" fee for range use, targets, etc.

- The attending RSO accepts all responsibility and liable for injury to participants or damage to property.

Special activities to be held at the range (hunter's safety, security service qualifications, etc.) will be scheduled no sooner than 1 hour after normal range operations and should end at least one hour before normal range operations. Such activities will be posted on the schedule no later than one week before the event. Exceptions must be coordinated through the CRSO or board and the sponsoring agent must coordinate the scheduling of RSOs to cover such activities.

Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs

Shooters may not consume alcoholic beverages or mind-altering drugs (including prescription and over-the-counter medications) before or during live firing. The RSOIC will deny access to anyone in violation.

Medical Support

In the event of a medical emergency, call 911 and notify the RSOIC immediately. The RSOIC will initiate the emergency plan as prescribed.

Hold Harmless Agreement Form

A "hold harmless" agreement form will be completed annually by each RSO and given to the CRSOs on an annual basis. See Appendix 6.

STANDARD RANGE COMMANDS

1. **CEASE FIRE:** is the Universal Command that can be given by anyone at any time when an unsafe condition is observed on the range.
2. **UNLOAD YOUR FIREARM:** All ammunition should be removed from the chamber and magazine removed from the firearm.
3. **REMOVE YOUR MAGAZINE AND LOCK THE ACTION OPEN, BENCH ALL FIREARMS AND STEP BEHIND THE RED LINE:** An RSO then walks the line to check that all firearms are clear of ammunition and in a safe condition.
4. **IS THE LINE CLEAR ON THE RIGHT? -- IS THE LINE CLEAR ON THE LEFT?** Line Officers indicate the line is clear on the right and the left by signaling the RSOIC.
5. **THE RANGE IS COLD:** A declaration at the direction of the RSOIC.
6. **YOU MAY NOW GO FORWARD AND ATTEND TO YOUR TARGETS. DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING ON THE BENCH OR HANDLE ANY FIREARMS WHILE THE RANGE IS COLD:** Shooters move forward of the line to observe, score, paste, remove or post targets.
7. **YOU MAY ALSO PICK UP YOUR BRASS:** Shooters pick up expended cartridges and debris around their shooting points.

At this time the range should be cold with all firearms cleared and benched. After all shooters have returned from down range and are back behind the Red Line, the RSOIC begins again to set the line up for a live fire session, usually 20 minutes in duration.

1. **IS THERE ANYONE DOWN RANGE?**
2. **IS THE LINE READY ON THE RIGHT? -- IS THE LINE READY ON THE LEFT?** RSO's indicate the line is ready on the right and left by signaling the RSOIC.
3. **THE RANGE IS HOT. EYE AND EAR PROTECTION PLEASE. YOU MAY PROCEED TO YOUR BENCH, LOAD AND COMMENCE FIRING. PLEASE KEEP THE MUZZLE OF YOUR FIREARM POINTED DOWNRANGE AT ALL TIMES, AND KEEP FINGERS OUT OF THE TRIGGER GUARD UNTIL YOU ARE ON TARGET:**

Other range commands that may be of use on the range from time to time:

1. AS YOU WERE: Means to disregard the command just given.
2. CARRY ON: Means to proceed with whatever was being done before some interruption occurred.
3. LOCK & LOAD: Means shooters will engage their firearm's safety device and that they may load their firearms and prepare to shoot. Loaded magazines may be inserted into the firearm and ammunition loaded into fixed magazines, but a round may **NOT** yet be chambered.
4. MAKE READY: Shooters work the actions to chamber live cartridges in their firearms.

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CHAPTER 3

TRAINING BAYS

OVERVIEW

The shooting bays located to the West (Left) of the Public Bays are designated T1 through T5. The primary purpose of these bays is to enhance the ability of the RCRPA to hold training classes in basic firearms familiarization/safety, and to train new Range Safety Officers. A secondary purpose is to provide a low cost place for members of the public to shoot without close supervision.

FIREARM LIMITATIONS

1. Except for firearms designated as destructive devices, all legal firearms are permitted in training bays T1 through T5. This includes shotguns and fully automatic firearms.
2. Magnum ammunition cannot be used on steel targets in any of the five bays. Magnum ammunition can be used only on paper targets.
3. Shotguns firing either shot or slugs is permitted provided that the user police the bay for wads and/or sabots when they are finished shooting. This also applies to handguns firing either shot or slugs.

TERMS OF USE

1. The Training bays will be used solely at the discretion of the RCRPA Management and the Chief Range Safety Officer.
2. Use of the Training Bays outside of normal range hours must be approved by RCRPA management and placed on the range calendar.
3. Use of the Training Bays by Range Safety Officers for personal practice and training will be allowed, assuming all waivers are properly endorsed and the Practice/Training regimen adheres to current and accepted standards. The RSO's using the training bays for this purpose must be in "good standing" and schedule, in advance, such use with the RCRPA President or the Chief Range Safety Officer.
4. With the agreement of the RCRPA Board of Directors, and upon the sole approval of the RCRPA President and Chief RSO, the training bays may be made available to other organizations, organized groups, or qualified trainers for private instruction, club events, match stages, etc. Permission to use these bays will only be given upon proof of adequate insurance by the requesting party. Regularly scheduled events of this nature need only a one time approval. All waivers and hold harmless agreements, as the Board directs, will be incorporated into the user agreements.

5. Fees for use of the Training Bays, and any security deposits, will be determined on an individual basis.

TRAINING BAY OPERATION & SAFETY

SHOOTING HOURS VARY (NO SHOOTING AFTER 10:00 PM)

SHOOTING RULES:

1. Eye and ear protection are required for all shooters. Eye and ear protection is also recommended for spectators in close proximity to the shooting.
2. All shooting is to be done within the Bay...That is, in front of an imaginary line extending across the front of the Bay between the outward ends of the side berms.
3. Shooting outside of the Bay is absolutely prohibited.
4. Only paper or steel targets may be used on the Bays.
5. Magnum ammunition can be used only on paper targets.
6. Shooting at objects on the ground such as rocks, posts, numbers, cables, etc. is prohibited.
7. When going down range during a cease fire, place the unloaded firearm with the action open on a bench or in a rack. If using a holster, re-holster or place handgun on a bench with the action or cylinder open. Confirm that the line is clear before moving forward.
8. Do not sit on the shooting benches.
9. Do not point firearm higher than the top of berms.
10. Pick up your trash and spent brass. Leave the range cleaner than you found it.
11. As with the main range, no alcohol, marijuana, or other illegal drugs are allowed.
12. During business hours, RCRPA Range Safety Officers have the authority to check shooters on all bays and can cancel any and all shooting for intentional violation of safety rules.

CHAPTER 4

RSO TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTS

TRAINING

All RSOs will be required to successfully complete the NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION'S "**Basic Range Safety Officer Course**" in order to conduct live-fire operations of the Rifle and Pistol Venue.

Qualifications to become an RSO are as follows:

1. Twenty-one (21) years or older.
2. Participate in discussions and practical exercises.
3. Demonstrate knowledge skills and attitudes necessary to organize, conduct, and supervise shooting activities and range operations.
4. Achieve an examination score of 90 % or higher on the written exam.
5. Submit an application fee to the NRA.

NOTE: All RSOs are volunteer personnel who serve without compensation with the exception that they, while not on duty, may use range facilities without charge. However, their guests (except for direct family members) are required to pay the appropriate fee for the range being utilized. Per NRA Guidelines, there must be at least one qualified RSO per each 5 guests.

REPORTS

RSOs are required to submit reports for "range attendance", "range fees", "range inspection checklists", "incident reports", "injury report forms", "completed hold harmless agreements", and "emergency report sheets".

APPENDIX 1:

Outdoor Range Inspection Checklist

Range Identification _____

Inspected by _____

Date _____

Controlled Access/Fencing/Gates Closed	Yes _____	No _____
Flags or Signs Displayed	Yes _____	No _____
Backstop/Impact Area Inspected	Yes _____	No _____
Lane Markers Color Coded/Painted and Visible	Yes _____	No _____
Target Frames/Mounts in Good Repair	Yes _____	No _____
Firing Line Marked	Yes _____	No _____
Firing Points Color Coded/Clean	Yes _____	No _____
Shooting Benches Inspected	Yes _____	No _____
Firearm Rests on Hand	Yes _____	No _____
Ready Line Marked	Yes _____	No _____
Spectator Area Designated	Yes _____	No _____
Supplies Available	Yes _____	No _____
RSOIC Control Area Established	Yes _____	No _____
Emergency Communications Working	Yes _____	No _____
First-Aid Kit Filled/Accessible	Yes _____	No _____
PA System/Bullhorn Working	Yes _____	No _____
Range Rules Posted	Yes _____	No _____
Bulletin Board Hung	Yes _____	No _____
Firearm Racks Available	Yes _____	No _____
Empty Trash Receptacles Available	Yes _____	No _____
Brass/Dud Buckets Labeled	Yes _____	No _____
Wash Supplies Available/Staff	Yes _____	No _____
Lockable Storage Secured	Yes _____	No _____

Comments:

RSOs Signature _____

APPENDIX 2

Range Safety Briefing

1. PURPOSE OF THE SHOOTING EVENT

- A. Recreational shooting, sighting in, matches etc.
- B. Provide an overview of the day's events

Range Personnel

- A. State where the range personnel will be located.
- B. Introduce the range personnel
- C. RSOs Identification, orange vest, hat, nameplate.

2. RANGE LAYOUT AND LIMITS

- A. Range orientation on the range
- B. Point out areas of the range:
 - Spectator Area
 - Ready Area
 - Firing Point
 - Backstop or Clay Field
 - Cleaning Area

3. RANGE SAFETY RULES

- 1. Always: Keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.
- 2. Always: Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until ready to fire.
- 3. Always: Keep the firearm unloaded until ready to shoot.

Rules for Safe Use

- 1. Know your target and what is beyond.
- 2. Be sure the firearm is safe to operate.
- 3. Use only the correct ammunition.
- 4. Wear eye and ear protection on the range.
- 5. Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.

4. GENERAL SAFETY RULES

1. Know and obey all range commands.
2. Know where others are at all times.
3. Shoot only at authorized targets.
4. Do not handle a firearm or stand at the firing line where firearms are present while others are downrange.
5. Firearms may be cased or uncased only when the range is "Hot".
6. Stop shooting immediately upon the command "**CEASE FIRE**".

5. STOPAGES

Explain the procedure when the following occurs:

1. Misfire: Do not open the action for 30 seconds, clear the firearm. Ask for assistance if needed.
2. Hang Fire: A delay in ignition of the cartridge, wait 30 seconds, clear the firearm. Ask for assistance if needed.
3. Squib Load: Stop shooting immediately, clear the firearm. Ask for assistance if needed.

6. HYGIENE GUIDELINES

To avoid contamination from lead, gunpowder residues or cleaning solvents:

1. Do not eat, drink, smoke, put hands near mouth or nose until hands are washed.
2. Wash hands and face after leaving the range or cleaning firearms.
3. Launder clothes after shooting or being on the range.

FIRING LINE COMMANDS

Range Closure:

1. **CEASE FIRE; CEASE FIRE; CEASE FIRE**: is the Universal Command that can be given by anyone at any time when an unsafe condition is observed on the range.
2. **UNLOAD YOUR FIREARM**: All ammunition should be removed from the chamber and magazine removed from the firearm.
3. **REMOVE YOUR MAGAZINE AND LOCK THE ACTION OPEN, BENCH ALL FIREARMS. STEP BEHIND THE RED LINE**: An RSO then walks the line to check that all firearms are clear of ammunition and benched.

4. IS THE LINE CLEAR ON THE RIGHT? IS THE LINE CLEAR ON THE LEFT? RSO's indicate the line is clear on the right and left by signaling the RSOIC.
5. THE RANGE IS COLD: A declaration at the direction of the RSOIC.
6. GO FORWARD AND ATTEND TO YOUR TARGETS. DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING ON THE BENCH OR HANDLE ANY FIREARMS WHILE THE RANGE IS COLD: Shooters move forward of the line to observe, score, paste, remove or post targets.
7. POLICE YOUR BRASS: Shooters pick up expended cartridges and debris around their shooting points.

Range Opening:

8. IS THE LINE READY ON THE RIGHT? -- IS THE LINE READY ON THE LEFT? RSOs indicate the line is ready on the right and left by signaling the RSOIC.
9. THE RANGE IS HOT: A declaration given at the direction of the RSOIC.
10. EYE AND EAR PROTECTION PLEASE. YOU MAY PROCEED TO YOUR BENCH, LOAD AND COMMENCE FIRING. PLEASE KEEP THE MUZZLE OF YOUR FIREARM POINTED DOWNRANGE AT ALL TIMES, AND KEEP FINGERS OUT OF THE TRIGGER GUARD UNTIL YOU ARE ON TARGET:

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

1. RSOIC/RSO is to take charge of the situation.
2. Render First-Aid.
3. Call for help via telephone (Emergency Reporting Sheet, Appendix 3).
4. Direct help to the location.
5. Take notes and complete reports (Injury Report Form, Appendix 4).
6. Incident, Accident Reporting:

All incidents and/or accidents occurring on the Rifle and Pistol Venue shall be recorded (Appendix 6). The CRSO and association President will be immediately notified and briefed.

APPENDIX 3

USE AGREEMENT FOR SHOOTING BAYS 1 - 5

SHOOTING HOURS VARY (NO SHOOTING AFTER 10:00 PM)

SHOOTING RULES:

13. RENTING A RCR&PR BAY WILL INCLUDE SIGNING A WAIVER FORM AT THE RAO'S OFFICE
14. YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO RENT A BAY
15. EYE AND EAR PROTECTION ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SHOOTERS. IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED FOR SPECTATORS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY ON THE RANGE.
16. ALL SHOOTING IS TO BE DONE WITHIN THE BAY....THAT IS, IN FRONT OF AN IMAGINARY LINE EXTENDING BETWEEN THE OUTWARD ENDS OF THE SIDE BERMS.
17. SHOOTING OUTSIDE THE BAY IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED.
18. PAPER OR STEEL TARGETS ONLY.
19. DO NOT SHOOT AT OBJECTS ON THE GROUND, POSTS, NUMBERS, OR CABLES IF PRESENT.
20. WHEN GOING DOWN RANGE DURING A CEASE FIRE, PLACE THE UNLOADED FIREARM WITH THE ACTION OPEN ON THE BENCH OR IN A RACK. IF USING A HOLSTER, RE-HOLSTER OR PLACE HANDGUN ON THE BENCH, ACTION OR CYLINDER OPEN. CONFIRM THAT THE LINE IS CLEAR BEFORE MOVING FORWARD.
21. DO NOT SIT ON SHOOTING BENCHES.
22. DO NOT POINT FIREARM HIGHER THAN THE TOP OF BERMS.
23. PICK UP YOUR TRASH AND BRASS. LEAVE THE RANGE CLEANER THAN YOU FOUND IT.
24. NO ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA, OR ILLEGAL DRUGS ALLOWED.
25. DURING BUSINESS HOURS, RCR&PR RSO'S HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO CHECK SHOOTERS ON ALL BAYS AND CAN CANCEL ANY AND ALL SHOOTING FOR INTENTIONAL VIOLATION OF SAFETY RULES.

RENTER SIGNATURE _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Bay assigned: _____

Time in: _____

APPENDIX 4
Emergency Reporting Sheet

Effective Date: _____

CONTACTS:

EMS: (911)

Police (911)

Fire (911)

Poison Control Center (911)

Respond to the directions of the "911 Operator" and provide answers to the questions asked.

Explain the emergency and the seriousness of the situation and request medical (Ambulance or Helicopter), fire, or law enforcement assistance.

APPENDIX 5
Injury Report Form

Name of Injured: _____ Date of Injury: _____

Address: _____ Time of Injury: _____

Weather Conditions: _____

Telephone Number (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

1. Describe the nature of the injury(specific body parts):

2. Describe how the injury occurred :

3. Describe first-aid given:

4. First Aid was provided by (include names & phone #): _____

5. Disposition:(specify name of hospital, telephone #, time of transport):

6. Location of the incident and conditions of the area: _____

7. Was protective equipment worn (if applicable)? _____

8. Describe steps taken to preserve the scene (equipment, photographs, etc.):

9. Witness Statements: Interview witnesses separately. Use attachments if necessary.

A. Witness (Name) _____ Statement Attached (Y) (N)

Address

Phone #'s (Day) _____ Evening _____

B. Witness (Name) _____ Statement Attached (Y) (N)

Address

Phone # (Day) _____ Evening _____

10. Notes and Comments: _____

11. Injury report completed by:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

12. Disposition and Follow-up: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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APPENDIX 6

RELEASE, WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION, HOLD HARMLESS, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK

I am aware/acknowledge that use of firearms is a hazardous activity and that my participation in firearms activities at the Southern Utah Sports Shooting Park (SUSSP) carries both known and unanticipated risks which could result in physical or emotional injury, death or damage to myself, and/or to property and/or to third persons. These risks include but are not limited to gunshot wound from myself or a third party, hearing loss, injury or loss of eyesight, inhalation of or contact exposure to hazardous materials or flying debris including ricochet of projectiles and/or materials struck by projectiles, falls, being struck by falling objects, any of which can cause death or serious bodily injury. By signing this Acknowledgement of Risk, Release of Liability, and Hold Harmless Agreement, I have elected to participate in shooting activities with the understanding of these risks. I agree and promise to accept and assume all risks inherent in these activities with my signature below.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, successors, distributees, guardians, agents, legal representatives and any and all other persons or entities who may claim by or through me in any way or manner (collectively, "Participant"), voluntarily release and forever discharge the SUSSP Special Service District (the "SSD"), the Red Cliffs Rifle & Pistol Association (RCR&PA), and Range Safety Officers (RSO), their heirs, successors, assigns, agents, representatives, officers, directors, employees, contractors, attorneys, insurers or any of their affiliated individuals or organizations, no matter how designated or described (collectively, "Providers"), from any and all liability for any injury or damages, including but not limited to death, physical or emotional injury, and all personal property damage, including that caused by or to any third party or third party's property which I have voluntarily brought to this shooting location. This Release of Liability includes all injuries, death or damages from negligent acts, other acts, or omissions, in any manner caused or contributed to by a Provider or Providers. I understand/agree to this release of liability by signing below. If I am a parent, guardian, or other adult signing on behalf of a minor, this also applies to the Hold Harmless clause below, on behalf of the minor for whom I agree that I am responsible.

HOLD HARMLESS

I, Participant, agree to indemnify/hold harmless all Providers, from all damages, expenses, harm or destruction, suffered or accrued by or through me or anyone else which may result in any manner from my participation in the use of firearms or any other activity at the SUSSP by myself or any other individual which may occur at any of the premises owned, leased or used by the SSD, even if actions, claims, demands, damages, harm, or destruction are due partially or wholly from negligent acts, other acts, or omissions of affiliated or even completely unaffiliated individuals who are present at the SUSSP, including any roads (paved or unpaved) or other location on the premises. I fully understand and agree to the Hold Harmless covenant of this document and agree by signing below.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND IT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY BETWEEN ME AND ALL "PROVIDERS" AS SET FORTH HEREIN. I DO THIS OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS.

Name (Print) _____

Signature: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian if under 18 years of age (Print): _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18 years of age: _____

APPENDIX 7
SOUTHERN UTAH SHOOTING SPORTS PARK
INCIDENT, ACCIDENT REPORT FORM

DATE OF REPORT: _____ TIME: _____

RSOIC, RSO, REPORTING: _____

INCIDENT DISCRIPTION: _____

PERSON (S) INVOLVED, DATE OF BIRTH, NAMES, ADDRESSES, PHONE#s:

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: _____

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: _____

WITNESSES: NAMES, ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE #s,

DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT: _____

ACTIONS TAKEN BY RSOIC, RSO: _____

ATTACH WITNESS STATEMENTS TO THIS REPORT, INTERVIEW WITNESSES SEPARATELY

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