

ARTICLE 13
RIFLE AND TRAP RANGE
(Adopted 7/9/88)

SECTION 1300. RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS/RANGE MASTERS (Added 08/08/17)
Range Safety Officers/Range Masters are required to be certified as Ranger Safety Officers by the National Rifle Association and must possess a current certificate. The Range Safety Officers/Range Master is authorized to inspect equipment for safety and suitability for the Range. The Range Safety Officer / Range Master is authorized to restrict or prohibit use of any equipment on the Range that could create a hazard.
(Moved 12/10/17)

SECTION 1301. LETHAL WEAPONS (Renumbered 08/08/17)
All firearms are classified as lethal weapons. No person shall aim any firearm at another person or any animal, wild or domestic, at any time. Firearm means any device, designated to be used as a weapon, from which is expelled through a barrel a projectile by the force of any explosion or other form of combustion. The term "firearm" also shall include any rocket, rocket propelled projectile, compressed air launcher, or similar device containing any explosive or incendiary material.

SECTION 1302. FIREARM RESTRICTIONS (Amended 12/15/17)

- (a) Tracer, armor piercing and bi-metal ammunition is prohibited at all times. (Amended 7/10/09) (Amended 04/15/18)
- (b) No person shall use any fully automatic weapon, or assault weapon on the firing range at any time. Assault weapon shall be defined as set forth in California Penal Code and weapons prohibited by Federal Law.
- (c) Slide-fire stocks or any other device that mimics automatic fire is prohibited. (Added 12/10/17)
- (d) 50 Browning Machine Gun caliber firearms are prohibited. (Added 12/10/17)
- (e) Handguns with a caliber of 460 and larger along with AK and AR style are not permitted.
(Amended & Renumbered 12/10/17)

SECTION 1303. ALLOWABLE FIREARMS

- (a) Handguns up to 45 Long Colt may be used on the pistol range and shall be checked in with the Range Safety Officer on duty.
- (b) Rifles (shoulder fired) - all calibers with the exception of those identified in the "Restrictions" section above.
- (c) Muzzle loaders - all types. Those individuals shooting muzzle loaders must check in with the RSO for bench assignments so as to not interfere with other shooters with the smoke discharge when firing.
- (d) Shotguns - all types.
(Added 12/10/17)

SECTION 1304. ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY

- (a) No person may handle the equipment of another without the owner's express permission.

- (b) Spectators must remain behind the area designated for “shooters only.”
- (c) During firing, no one is permitted on the Rifle Range between shooters and targets; or on the Trap Range between shooters and flight pattern of thrown clay birds.
- (d) No bullet impacts off the range, into buildings, signs, storage containers, sheds, or any other structure or range feature not a BVSA approved impact area. (Added 12/10/17)
- (e) No repeated misses of the target board, or bullet strikes that ricochet causing a danger of bullets leaving the range. (Added 12/10/17)
- (f) No disruptive activities, such as loud music or children that are not supervised properly on the firing line. (Added 12/10/17)
- (g) No loaded firearms are allowed on the BVSA Range property other than on the Firing Line under a Hot Range condition. (Added 12/10/17)
- (h) All shooters must police the area upon completion of shooting and deposit all debris (shell cases, etc.) in the containers provided. (Amended 9/24/94; Renumbered 12/10/17)
- (i) Only Range Safety Officer approved target material shall be used. (Added 12/10/17)

SECTION 1305. ON THE FIRING LINE

- (a) ONLY authorized shooters are permitted on the firing line.
- (b) All weapons must have actions open and carried muzzle up until the shooter is on the firing line.
- (c) Weapons not in use must be placed in the racks provided.
- (d) Shooters may load ONLY when on the firing line and so directed by the Range Master.
- (e) Firing may commence ONLY upon signal from Range Master.
- (f) Firing may be at specified targets only. No firing at wildlife is permitted.
- (g) Shooters are allowed to go forward and score targets only when instructed by Range Safety Officer and/or Range Master during a cease fire is called. During this time, all weapons must be racked with actions open and shooters must be at least five feet from the firing line. (Amended 12/10/17)
- (h) Members are encouraged to wear protective earplugs and safety glasses while firing. (Added 12/10/17)

SECTION 1306. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY

- (a) Anyone who is incapable of comprehending the inherent dangers associated with archery or firearms must be accompanied by a responsible member at all times when using the Rifle Range or Trap Range. The inherent dangers associated with shooting sports and additional recommended safety guidelines are documented in national shooting and archery safety program brochures distributed by the National Rifle Association (www.nra.org) or the National Shooting Sports Foundation (www.nssf.org). (Amended 8/10/08)
- (b) Members are not allowed to use the Range unsupervised by a certified Range Master/Range Safety Officer. (Amended 12/10/17)
- (c) No person shall bring, possess or consume any alcoholic beverage or illegal drug within the ranges or within 30 feet of their borders. (Amended 7/18/92; 9/24/94; 7/10/09)

(d) As determined by the Range Safety Officer, any person under the influence of alcohol or dangerous drugs shall leave the Range upon request from the Range Safety Officer. (Amended 12/10/17)

(e) Profane or vulgar language is prohibited.

(f) No pets, leashed or unleashed, are permitted within the Range area.

(g) Only approved target material may be used as targets. Members are urged to report violations of this Rule to the Range Safety Officer / Range Master or Amenity Manager. (Amended 12/10/17)

(h) All members and their guests shall be required to take and pass the range safety test and must have a liability release signed and on file with the BVSA. The range safety test and liability release must be renewed each year with the Range Safety Officer or Range Master (January 1st). (Added 12/10/17)

(i) Hang gliding is prohibited in the air space above the Rifle and Trap Ranges and within 1000 yards of that air space. (Added 9/20/97)

(j) This Article will be enforced as provided in Article 17 and Article 3. (Added 12/10/13; Renumbered 12/10/17)

SECTION 1307. MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) Hours of operation are set by the Association and posted on bulletin boards.

(b) The Association may close the Ranges at any time without prior notice.

(c) In order to promote the safety of persons using the Ranges, the Range Safety Officer/Range Master is designated the chief enforcement officer of this Article, and shall have the responsibility to ensure the safe operation of the Ranges. (Amended 12/10/17)

(d) All persons shall respect and obey the instructions of the Range Safety Officer/Range Master, and may be removed from the Ranges by the Range Safety Officer/Range Master and reported to the Bear Valley Police Department for failure to comply with any provisions of the C&Rs, Association Bylaws or Rules, or instruction of the Range Safety Officer/Range Master. (Amended 12/10/17)

(e) This Article will be enforced as provided in Article 17 and Article 3. (Amended 12/10/13)

(f) Members requesting to use the range shall be verified as a member in good standing prior to being approved to use range. (Added 12/10/17)