

HEFFLEY CREEK GUN RANGE SAFETY RULES

- 1 Treat every firearm as if it is loaded. NEVER ALLOW A FIREARM TO POINT AT YOURSELF OR AT ANYONE ELSE.
- 2 Every time you handle a firearm, for any reason, check to see that both the chamber and the magazine are empty.
- 3 All firearms, when not on the firing line, will have the action open, chamber and magazine empty.
- 4 Firearms will be carried with the barrel pointing up. If this is not practical, then the barrel may be pointed down. Firearms will not be carried in a horizontal position.
- 5 A red flag means the range is hot and firing is in progress. A green flag means the range is safe and you may go ahead and set targets, set steel etc. **All firearms must be unloaded and removed from the firing line before anyone goes ahead of the firing line.** Do not handle your firearm while anybody is ahead of the firing line. Do not change the flag until you are sure it is safe to do so.
- 6 Loading will be done on the firing line with the barrel pointing down range. Muzzleloaders are an exception and will be loaded behind the line. Priming and capping will be done on the firing line with the barrel pointing down range.
- 7 If a firearm becomes inoperable on the firing line, it will be unloaded and removed from the line. If because of a jam or for some other reason it cannot be unloaded in a reasonable amount of time, then after alerting the other shooters, it may be removed from the firing line and taken to a safe place to be worked on. When a firearm is being unloaded in this manner care must be taken to keep the barrel always pointing in a safe direction.
- 8 When two or more people are at a range, then one of them will assume the duty of **RANGE OFFICER**. This is usually the first to arrive or may be by mutual consent. It is the duty of the range officer to make sure that all safety and range rules are obeyed, that flags are set and that shooting progresses in an orderly manner. Range officer duties may be transferred to another willing person at any time. If the current range officer is ready to leave a range, then someone else must take that person's place.
- 9 Your target must be in front of your shooting position, **no cross firing is allowed.**
- 10 Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
- 11 **Eye and Ear protection must be worn by all people when on a live range.**
- 12 When you arrive at the range check the signs to make sure the range you plan to use is open. If it is not, then go to the range that the signs indicate is open and find out if it is in use. Do not change any signs until you have made sure it is safe to do so. **DO NOT FIRE ON A CLOSED RANGE.**
- 13 **Drinking alcoholic beverages or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs when engaged in shooting activities is strictly forbidden.**
- 14 Absolutely no shooting at steel targets with jacketed high-power ammunition at less than 100 meters.
- 15 Any person observed breaking a Range or Safety rule and who is unwilling to correct their behavior is subject to disciplinary action by the Club Executive. People involved with infractions such as theft, hunting or vandalism will be reported to the appropriate authorities immediately.

These are general rules and apply to everyone during normal range operation. Organized events may have more rules so make sure you attend safety meetings.

READ AND OBEY ALL POSTED RULES AND SIGNS.