

Cumberland Valley Sports League Range Rules

RANGE RULES AND SAFE WEAPON HANDLING

1. Always treat every Weapon like it is loaded!
2. Always know where your muzzle is pointed (muzzle awareness), and keep it pointed in a safe direction.
3. Always keep your finger away from the trigger until you are ready to fire.
4. Always Load your weapon ONLY when you are on the firing line and you are ready to fire it.
5. Always check the down range area to be sure that it is unoccupied before you pick up your weapon.
6. Always empty the chamber, remove the magazine, and open the action before going down range.
7. Always clear the firing line before going down range.
8. Always wear ear and eye protection.
9. Always respect the other club members and club property.
10. ALWAYS BE SAFE, AWARE, RESPECTFUL, AND APPRECIATIVE!!!

General reminders

- Know your weapon and how to operate it.
- Make sure you have the right ammo for your weapon.
- Make sure you do not place targets in an unsafe manner

Remember there have been much larger gun clubs that have been closed because one shooter got careless. We must prevent letting a single round leave our range. A single issue could put an end to our opportunity of having a club. Safety must be your number one priority!!

Members signature

Date

Cumberland Valley Sports League Range Safety Course

Begin with Basics

1. Always be aware of the need to pay attention to safety of yourself and others. Cumberland Valley Sports League is a casual range, we do not have a Range Officer to run the range. Therefore, we rely on the membership to help keep our range safe for everyone. The most dangerous thing any member can do is to think that you have handled firearms for so long that you don't have to worry about safety. Never get comfortable, it will make you lazy.
2. Removing a firearm from your vehicle can be a dangerous time. Ideally, you should have your gun in a case, and it should not be removed from that case until you are on a shooting bench (not on the wooden muzzleloader racks behind the shooting benches). We know that some of you, however, will bring firearms that are not in a case, therefore, you must be even more diligent to follow rules for safe weapons handling. There should never be a loaded firearm that is not at the shooting bench with the muzzle pointing down range.
3. Be aware of the area around you. Ask yourself the following questions: Are there any other members on the property? What are they doing? Where are they located? If another member is at a shooting bench and appears to be in the act of shooting, then immediately place your eye and ear protection on your body. If he/she is down range putting up a targets, then do not take your firearm out of its case until they return to the firing line. If you see a vehicle, but do not see a person, then try to locate them before you start shooting. It is encouraged that each member briefly introduce themselves. This will make certain that everyone is aware of the presence of another member. It is recommend that you make sure the entire area, including the clubhouse, is safe before walking away from your firearms.
4. Once you have ascertained the safety of others and the range, then you can proceed to prepare your bench and weapon for shooting. We encourage everyone to maintain those good weapons handling techniques that will be mentioned later. Also, it is the duty of each member to be certain other members are exhibiting safe behavior on the range. We all make mistakes, but if you see someone do something that could be dangerous, ask them politely to remember their safety training. If they continue to act in an unsafe manner, allow them to finish from a safe distance, and contact a board member or officer. Do not put yourself at risk with someone who is unsafe. Once the leadership has been notified the member will be treated fairly and firmly according to club bylaws.
5. When placing targets down range, please be certain that you are placing them at the base of the berm. Use the target stands and ground supports when possible. If you are shooting a target that cannot be hung from the holders, then place it at the base of the berm. If the club officers find anyone placing targets on top of the berm, their membership will be revoked. We must prevent any round from leaving our premises. Remember, a single round can cost us the club!!!

REMEMBER, ALL MEMBERS ARE RESONSIBLE FOR MAKING CUMBERLAND VALLEY SPORTS LEAGUE A SAFE PLACE TO SHOOT!!