

4-H Shooting Sports

Range Rules

1. These rules apply to EVERYONE at the range including spectators, shooters, certified instructors, volunteer instructors, families, guests and volunteers.
2. EVERYONE will follow ALL Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances, rules and requirements.
3. ALL firearms, including concealed firearms, MUST be unloaded and reported to the Range Safety Officer (RSO) upon entering the range.
4. Read, understand and follow all range rules and shooter responsibilities as posted.
5. Read, understand and follow the “Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.”
 - a. Conduct yourself and your project work in a manner that is trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, caring and in good citizenship.
 - b. Be responsible for your actions by following the rules and being accountable. This includes being in assigned program locations/sessions, abiding by deadlines, times and housing arrangements. If you are unable to participate or need assistance, notify those in charge of the event/program.
 - c. Treat yourself, other people, animals and property with respect, using good manners, dressing appropriately and by not using profanity. You will be personally responsible for any damage caused as a result of your behavior.
 - d. Know that use of tobacco, alcohol and non-prescribed drugs by youth is illegal.
 - e. Demonstrate caring for people fully and helping those around have positive experiences.
 - f. Use technology and social media in a safe and appropriate ways for the good of 4-H Youth Development programs.
6. Obey all verbal instructions given by the RSO, certified instructor and Extension agent.
7. Only participants will be allowed into the preparation area and onto the firing line. Participants include shooters, volunteer instructors, certified instructors, range officers and Extension agents.
8. Parents who bring children are responsible for keeping them under their immediate and direct supervision and control at all times.
9. Use of alcohol – either prior to or on the range will not be allowed.
10. Use of tobacco products while on or around the range will not be allowed.
11. NO running on or around the range, this includes the spectator’s area.
12. NO loud or crude behavior.
13. NO manners that are unbecoming of a Lady or Gentleman.
14. NO vulgar language.
15. NO climbing on the berms.
16. NO clowning around, horseplay, rough housing or goofing off.
17. For their safety, pets must kept on a leash and under control at all times.

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Shooter Responsibilities

1. These rules apply to all participants including shooters, certified instructors, volunteer instructors and volunteers.
2. Read, understand and follow all range rules as posted.
3. Read, understand and follow the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct.
4. ALWAYS keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. (Up or downrange)
5. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
6. ALWAYS keep your gun unloaded until you are ready to use it.
7. Obey all verbal instructions given by the certified instructor, Line Officer and Range Safety Officer (RSO).
8. All shooters are responsible for their firearms/bow and ammunition while at the range. Never leave a firearm/bow or ammunition unattended.
9. All shooters and coaches must wear proper foot protection (full coverage below the ankle).
10. Each shot will be aimed and controlled. Purposely shooting high, low or to the side of your target will not be allowed.
11. Proper eye and ear protection will be worn at all times while on the firing line. Constant eye protection is always encouraged to be worn at all times while visiting the range
12. NO use of any drug/medication that prevents the shooter from being safe, this includes the use of drug/medication prior to going to the range. No use of illegal drugs is tolerated.
13. NO unsafe acts with a firearm or bow.
14. Intentionally breaking the law with a firearm or bow are grounds for dismissal.
15. Only firearms or bows that have been approved TODAY by the RSO or certified instructor will be allowed on the range.
16. Shooters must be able to handle their firearms safely, effectively and proficiently in their operation. Failure to keep your firearm or bow under control may result in you being asked to step away from the firing line. Safe operation of the firearm or bow includes cocking the firearm or drawing the bowstring without pointing it in an unsafe direction or to question where the projectile might eventually hit.
17. Ensure the range is safe before going down range.
18. When not firing, your firearm will be made safe, unloaded and with the action open.
19. Know what your target is and what is beyond your target. Make sure the downrange area is unoccupied.
20. Only load firearms on the firing line after the line officer or RSO has given the command to load.
21. Shoot only at your own target.
22. Give the command "CEASE FIRE!" if an unsafe condition exists.
23. When you hear "CEASE FIRE!," immediately safe your firearm, unload your ammunition, open the action and lay your gun down with the muzzle pointing downrange and await for the RSO's instructions.
24. Assist in policing the brass, clay targets and any other debris or trash.