

AAFTA Safety Rules

These Safety Rules will be strictly enforced. Anyone abusing these rules may be expelled from the shooting range and match participation.

1. All Airguns shall be kept unloaded until on the firing line, with the muzzle pointed downrange, and ready to fire.
2. Airgun muzzles shall, at all times, be pointed away from all persons.
3. When on the firing line, safe airgun procedures shall be observed including:
 - A. No Airgun will be cocked or loaded until a shot is ready to be fired downrange.
 - B. When an Airgun is cocked or loaded on the firing line, the SAFETY will not be released until the muzzle is pointed at the target and the shooter is ready to FIRE.
 - C. When cocking piston airguns, the Shooter must hold the cocking lever or barrel while inserting a pellet to prevent the accidental discharge of the gun and prevent injury to one's self or other shooters.
 - D. Safe spacing of shooters on the firing line is both judicious and courteous.
 - E. Each shooter is responsible for his or her direction of fire, and safety toward other shooters.
 - F. When the Range Safety Officer or Marshal declares the line "COLD", all Shooters will unload (firing pellets into the ground is an acceptable method as long as care is taken to make sure that the direction and surface of impact are safe), break the breech, open the loading port or bolt, or unlatch the cocking lever.
 - G. A Marshal must be notified about the need to go downrange for any reason. The Marshal will, at his or her discretion, call for a "COLD" line and perform any required repairs downrange. On the field target course the appointed Marshals will act as deputies of the Range Safety Officer (Chief Marshal).

- H. For rifles, on all shots the trigger must be behind, and the muzzle past, the firing point. For pistols, on all shots the trigger and shooter's hands must be behind the firing point, and the muzzle no more than two feet behind the firing point.
 - I. The Range Safety Officer or Marshal will have the final decision on matters of "Safety on the Range".
4. Safety must be encouraged and enforced. Therefore, it is important that all shooters strive to practice safe airgun handling. It is also important that shooters remind anyone of safe airgun handling and, if necessary, report unsafe practices to the Range Safety Officer or Marshal.
 5. NO children shall be allowed on the firing line. Junior Shooters MUST be cleared by the Range Safety Officer by being instructed on RANGE SAFETY.

No alcohol will be allowed on the sight-in range or field target course.