

## **Rifle and Shotgun Shooting**

The following attached forms must be printed out, signed by the adult (if for an adult) or by both the student and his parent(s)/guardian(s) (if for a youth) and brought to the range on the day of the event and turned in to the Rangemaster at check-in. Nobody will be permitted to remain on the range premises unless they turn in a properly signed Hold Harmless or RELEASE for Students.

- “Hold Harmless” must be printed out and signed by any adult who will be present at the range during the Camporee whether or not they participate in any shooting activities.
- “RELEASE for Students” is similar to the hold harmless agreement, but it applies to the youth who will be present at the range during the Camporee whether they participate in any shooting activities or not.

In addition, the file "Range\_Rules\_28\_Feb\_2007" contains the range rules and must be read and understood by everyone who will be present at the range during the Camporee whether they participate in any shooting activities or not.

An open-book range rules test must be administered to anyone who has not already taken it.

### **Cost:**

.22 Rifle: \$5.00 per person for 50 rounds. I will also have National Shooting Sports Foundation targets and patches that the boys may qualify for by shooting 37 out of 50 for 5 rounds at a match target.

Shotgun: \$10.50 for a round of 25 shells on the trap range.

**MCSSA RANGE RULES EXAMINATION**

Revised 27 Feb 2007

**ALL SHOOTERS MUST PASS THE *OPEN BOOK* TEST AND SIGN THE RANGE RELEASE WAIVER.****FILL IN THE BLANKS**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ protection must be worn at all times by everyone while on or in the area of an active range.
2. Be sure the firearm is \_\_\_\_\_ and you know how to use it safely.
3. Make sure that all shooters acknowledge that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ before going down range on the 50 yard range.
4. What must all shooters do before anyone goes down range?
  - a. All firearms \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. No firearms will be \_\_\_\_\_ while anyone \_\_\_\_\_ range.
  - c. All personnel remaining up range will \_\_\_\_\_ while anyone is down range.
5. Keep guns pointed in \_\_\_\_\_ at all times.
6. No \_\_\_\_\_ shooting is permitted on the pistol range.
7. Loudly state that the range is going \_\_\_\_\_ so that all can hear and insure all individuals acknowledges that the range is "HOT" before proceeding with shooting.
8. The four (4) steps for handling a misfire or hang fire are:-
  - a. Keep the firearm \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Wait at least \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Open the \_\_\_\_\_ and remove the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. Misfires should be \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ or placed in the center drawer of the range desk.

9. When the command “CEASE FIRE” is given by anyone on the range.

- d. Stop \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.
- e. Remove your\_ from the trigger.
- f. Keep the firearm \_ down range.
- g. Wait for further \_\_\_\_\_ from the person calling the “CEASE FIRE”.

10. Skeet and Trap shooters will move between firing positions with the actions \_\_\_\_\_ and guns \_\_\_\_\_ .

11. Ensure that \_\_\_\_\_ is in the skeet houses of active fields before firing.

12. \_\_\_\_\_ is to enter the skeet range while that range is in use by other shooters.

13. Children are not permitted on the firing line or active ranges unless they are \_\_\_\_\_ and are wearing adequate eye/ear protection.

14. In the event of an accident:-

- a . Apply \_\_\_\_\_ .
- b. Get \_\_\_\_\_ by dialing 911.

15. Center-fire rifle shooting is \_\_\_\_\_ on any range at any time.

I certify that I have read and understand the MCSSA Range rules and will comply with the same.

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(Signature) (Date)

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(Printed name) (Email Address)

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(Witness signature) (Printed name) (Date)

**RELEASE, WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION, HOLD HARMLESS, AND ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, in consideration of being permitted to attend a course for instruction in firearms, for use of premises, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Undersigned agrees to the following:

Undersigned agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend any and all course instructors (hereinafter referred to as "Instructor") from all fault, liability, costs, expenses, claims, demands or lawsuits arising out of, related to or connected with, Undersigned's presence at and/or participation in the course of instruction, the discharge of firearms by Undersigned, Undersigned's presence on or use of the range, buildings, land and premises ("Premises"), and, any and all acts or omissions of Undersigned.

Undersigned furthermore waives for himself and for his executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs and next of kin, all rights and claims for damages, losses, demands and any other actions or claims whatsoever, which he may have or which may arise against Instructor (including but not limited to the death of Undersigned and/or any and all injuries, damages or illness suffered by Undersigned or Undersigned's property), which may, in any way whatsoever, arise out of, be related to or connected with: the course of instruction, the Premises, including any latent defect in the Premises, Undersigned's presence on or use of said Premises, Undersigned's property (whether or not entrusted to Instructor), and, the discharge of firearms. Instructor shall not be liable for, and Undersigned, on behalf of himself and on behalf of his executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs and next of kin, hereby expressly releases the Instructor from any and all such claims and liabilities.

Undersigned hereby expressly assumes the risk of taking part in the course for instruction in firearms and taking part in the activities on the Premises which include, but are not limited to, instruction in the use of firearms, the discharge of firearms and the firing of live ammunition. Undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that Undersigned has read this instrument and understands its terms and is executing this instrument voluntarily. Undersigned furthermore hereby acknowledges and agrees that he will abide by all range rules and procedures and any other rules and procedures stated by the Instructor.

Undersigned expressly agrees that this instrument is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law, and that if any provision of this instrument is held invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be impaired thereby. No remedy conferred by any of the specific provisions of this instrument is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. The election of any one or more remedies hereunder by the Instructor shall not constitute any waiver of Instructor's right to pursue other available remedies. This instrument binds Undersigned and his executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs and next of kin.

UNDERSIGNED:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

# RELEASE, WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION, HOLD HARMLESS, AND ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK STATEMENT

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of being permitted to attend a course for instruction in firearms, for the instruction in firearms, for use of premises, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is here by acknowledged, Undersigned agrees to the following:

Undersigned agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend **MADISON COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION and the MADISON COUNTY COMMISSION** (hereinafter referred to 'The Range'), from any and all fault, liabilities, costs, expenses, claims, demands, or lawsuits arising out of, related to, or connected with: Undersigned's presence at and/or participation in the course of instruction; the discharge of firearms by Undersigned; Undersigned's presence on or use of the range, building, land, premises ('Premises'); and, any and all acts or omissions of Undersigned.

Undersigned furthermore waives for himself/herself and for his/her executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs, and next of kin, any and all rights and claims for damages, losses, demands and any other actions or claims whatsoever, which he/she may have or which may arise against The Range (including but not limited to the death of the undersigned and/or any and all injuries, damages, or illnesses suffered by the Undersigned or Undersigned's property), which may, in any way whatsoever, arise out of, be related to or connected with: the course of instruction, the Premises, including any latent defect in the Premises; Undersigned's presence on or use of said premises, Undersigned's property (whether or not entrusted to The Range); and the discharge of firearms. The Range shall not be liable for, and Undersigned, on behalf of himself/herself and on behalf of his/her executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs, and next of kin, hereby expressly release The Range from any and all such claims and liabilities.

Undersigned hereby expressly assumes the risk of taking part in the course of instruction in firearms and taking part in the activities on the premises, which include, but are not limited to, instruction in the use of firearms, the discharge of firearms and firing of live ammunition.

Undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that Undersigned has read this instrument and understands its terms and is executing this instrument voluntarily, Undersigned furthermore hereby acknowledges and agrees that he/she has read, understands, and will at all times abide by all range rules and procedures and any other rules and procedures stated by the the Range.

Undersigned expressly agrees that this instrument is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law and that if any provision of this instrument is held invalid or otherwise enforceable, the enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be impaired thereby. No remedy conferred by any of the specific provisions of this instrument is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. The election of any one or more remedy hereunder by The Range shall not constitute any waiver of The Range's right to pursue other available remedies. This instrument binds Undersigned and his/her executors, personal representatives, administrators, assignees, heirs, and next of kin.

UNDERSIGNED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Minor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**MADISON COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION (MCSSA)**  
**RANGE RULES and STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**  
**February 28, 2007**

Hours of Operation:

**Members may shoot any day between the hours of 7AM and 9PM. Members shooting during the week will ensure that a minimum of two people at least 19 years old are present on the range. The second person necessary for the range to be in operation is not required to be a member of MCSSA or a shooting participant.**

**The range will be open and a Rangemaster provided for non-members (the public) to shoot on Saturdays and Sundays, except for the weekends of Christmas and New Years Day, between the hours of 10AM and 3PM.**

Range Rules:

1. The **Rangemaster** on duty is in complete charge of the range and has final authority for shooting activities on the range. No shooter or group of shooters is to utilize any range without authorization of the **Rangemaster**.
2. Safety is everyone's business. If you observe any safety violations, or have any comments, please inform the **Rangemaster**.
3. Failure to abide by these rules may result in your dismissal from the range and the MCSSA.
4. Safety rules:
  - a. Hearing and eye protection are **MANDATORY**. Hearing and eye protection must be worn at all times by everyone while on or in the area of an active range. Hearing and eye protection can be rented or purchased from the **Rangemaster**.
  - b. Guns are to remain cased or unloaded with actions open until reaching the firing line to shoot and the range is **HOT**. **Be sure the firearm is safe to operate and you know how to use it safely.**
  - c. Any paper targets are allowed on the pistol (50-yard) range. Any other targets must be approved by the **Rangemaster** on duty. Target stands, cardboard and posts are furnished. Target height must be adjusted so that the shooters line of sight in shooting position passes through the target and lines up with the rear dirt berm. Shooters will ensure that their bullets hit into the dirt berm and not into the ground, baffles, or posts/landscape timbers.
  - d. No loaded firearms are allowed anywhere except on the range firing line. On the 50-yard pistol range, guns (including black powder firearms) are not to be loaded until the range is declared **HOT**. On the skeet and trap fields, firearms will not be loaded until the shooter is standing at the marked firing position.
  - e. Make sure that all shooters acknowledge that the "**Line is CLEAR**" and the range is **COLD** before going down range on the 50-yard range. When the range is cold:
    - (1) All firearms will be unloaded with the action open.
    - (2) No firearms will be handled while anyone is down range.
    - (3) All personnel remaining up range will remain behind the safe (red) line away from their firearms while anyone is down range.

- f. Keep guns pointed in a safe direction at all times. **NEVER** turn around or face in an unsafe direction or up-range with a loaded firearm.
  - g. Shooting on the 50-yard range is only authorized at the shooting positions on the cement pad. No down range shooting is permitted.
  - h. Loudly state that the range is going “**HOT**” so that all can hear and insure all individuals acknowledge that the range is **HOT** before proceeding with shooting. All shooters will ensure everyone in the shooting area has complied with the eye and ear protection requirement before firing.
  - i. Keep finger **OFF** trigger until ready to shoot.
  - j. When a cartridge fails to fire immediately, you could have a misfire or hang fire situation.
    - (1) Keep the firearm pointed downrange.
    - (2) Wait at least 30 seconds.
    - (3) Open the action and remove the cartridge.
    - (4) Misfires should be turned over to the **Rangemaster** on duty or placed in the center drawer of the range desk. **DO NOT** throw the live cartridge onto the gravel area, onto the berm area or into the trash can to dispose of it.
  - k. When the command “**CEASE FIRE**” is given:
    - (1) Stop shooting immediately.
    - (2) Remove your finger from the trigger.
    - (3) Keep the firearm pointed down range, and
    - (4) Wait for further instructions from the person calling the **CEASE FIRE**.
    - (5) NOTE: Anyone may call a **CEASE FIRE** if he/she observes an unsafe situation.
  - l. Skeet and trap shooters will move between firing positions with the actions open and guns unloaded.
  - m. Ensure no one is in skeet houses of active fields before firing.
  - n. No one is to enter the skeet range area while that range is in use by other shooters. This includes all sidewalks, tables and benches on the range side of the sidewalk that runs behind all of the skeet ranges.
  - o. Always wash face and hands immediately after shooting and/or cleaning your firearm.
  - p. Children are not permitted on the firing line or active ranges unless they are firing (under constant adult supervision) and are wearing adequate eye/ear protection. There is a designated safety area on the skeet/trap fields beyond which only shooters are allowed.
  - q. In the event of an accident, apply first aid if necessary and get help. (**Dial 911: “Need help at the range at Sharon Johnston County Park”**)
5. Allowable firearms and ammunition:
- a. Rim-fire .22 caliber rifles, handguns with barrel length of 12” or shorter (.45 caliber or smaller), 12 gauge or smaller shotguns with any size shot or slugs, and black powder firearms are permitted on the 50-yd range See note 1.
  - b. Only shotguns, 12 gauge or smaller, using 2 ¾” shells (.410 may use 3”) with #7½ or smaller lead or steel shot are allowed on the skeet and trap ranges.
  - c. Center-fire rifle shooting is not permitted on any range at any time.
  - d. Please note that rim fire .17 caliber is not listed as a permitted rifle See note 1.
  - e. Tracer, incendiary, explosive and armor piercing ammunition are not allowed at any time.

6. Range operations:

- a. Whenever the range is in operation, the gate and range building will be open and the phone tested to ensure it is operational.
- b. The maximum number of shooters per round of skeet is six and trap is five. Families shooting as a group are exempted from this rule.
- c. Sheet/trap shooters are to utilize a range for one cycle. At the end of that cycle; the range is to be made available to any other group or groups that are awaiting the use of the range. (**Rangemaster's** discretion)
- d. No firearm of any type or description will be drawn from a holster, belt, from under or on top of clothing, any body covering or from any other source and then fired down range. Exemptions to this rule must be obtained in writing from the District Commissioner.
- e. Match directors make the final decisions during any matches.
- f. Anyone under 18 years of age must be *supervised* by at least one person age 19 or older while on the range. If the accompanying adult is not a parent or legal guardian of the youth, then a completed and signed authorization/waiver from the parent or legal guardian must either be on file at the range or presented to the **Rangemaster** on duty. This includes organized groups/functions such as the Boy Scouts. A single adult can accompany no more than two youths on the pistol range or a single squad (maximum of 6 youths) on the skeet and trap fields.
- g. No alcohol or illicit drugs are permitted on the range at any time, for any reason.
- h. Please display consideration and discretion when shooting and honor the concerns and rights of your fellow shooters.
- i. Members and guests are to conduct themselves as they would like others to act while using our facilities. Members bringing guests during the week are responsible for ensuring their guests obey all rules and sign liability release forms.
- j. Leave the range clean after each use. All shooters are to police the range at the completion of their shooting session and prior to leaving the range. Leave the range as you would like to find it and make it pleasurable for everyone.
  - (1) Pick up expended brass and hulls.
  - (2) Sweep all unwanted brass onto gravel area, place unwanted shotgun hulls in the receptacles provided for this purpose.
  - (3) Return all targets and target bases to raised concrete area when shooting is complete.
  - (4) Return any borrowed range equipment, staplers, hearing and eye protection, etc. to the **Rangemaster** on duty.
  - (5) Do not throw or leave any garbage on the ground. This includes cigarette butts, cleaning patches, etc.
- k. Provide any comments, suggestions, or safety violations to the **Rangemaster**.

Note 1: The .17 caliber rim-fire did not exist when our current lease with the county was executed. We have requested that the lease be modified to include the .17 and are awaiting a decision from the county.