

## Antique Rifle SOP

**Range(s):** R1 (100-yard rifle range)

**Purpose & Skill Focus:** To promote the safe use of antique firearms and to achieve the best accuracy the participant is capable of achieving with antique firearms.

**Who May Participate:** Everyone may participate. Minors must be capable of safely handling a firearm and must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Disabilities will be accommodated as long as safety of all participants is ensured.

**Fee 2019:** \$5

**Chairperson Qualifications:** The Chairperson must be competent to oversee range safety and must have passed the PA State Police criminal background check and the Child Abuse Clearance. The Chairperson should also have a working knowledge of Antique and replica Antique Firearms.

**Chairperson Duties** (may be delegated to assistants, but the Chair is ultimately responsible):

Set up targets and backstops prior to start of shoot

Collect fees and file income reports with the Treasurer

Ensure participants sign the event waivers (file in small documents safe)

Clearly explain course of fire and rules

Observe that all safety rules are obeyed

Start and stop all timed fire stages

Change targets between courses of fire

Explain scorekeeping procedure

Collect and check all scorecards; maintain records of each shooter's score for entire season

Remove all targets; collect all trash from range, store targets and backstops after event

### General Management & Promotion

Ensure assistants have submitted PSP and PA Child Abuse Clearances as needed and are fully trained

Immediately notify the Director with oversight of any issues or potential issues

Immediately file an Incident Report with the Recording Secretary for any safety incident and notify the Safety Director

Maintain inventory of equipment and ensure proper working order

Submit orders for targets

Seek ways to promote wider involvement, especially of youth

Make available the activity brochure listing all SLCFSA activities

Encourage participants to make available photos/videos for publicity (photo waivers required, on back of event waiver)

**Firearm Requirements:** The rifles may be original or authentic reproductions of antique Rifles in appropriate calibers. For this event, the definition of "Antique" will extend to any rifle that was manufactured years ago or earlier. This means that the actual rifle must be 100 years old or more. This of course does not apply to the authentic replicas. Firearms must be in safe working condition and may be inspected by Chairperson.

**Firearm Restrictions:** No modern firearm types.

**Auxiliary Equipment Requirements & Restrictions:** Slings are allowed, rests are not allowed. No scopes.

**Range Setup/Design:** Targets will be posted at 100 yards except for those shooting muzzleloaders. Those targets will be set up on the 50-yard back stop.

**Placement of Loading/Unloading Tables:** Loading/unloading is on the concrete apron in front of the shooting benches.

**Procedures:** Targets will be posted before any participant takes his or her rifle to the firing line. On the command of the Range Officer, participants will take their positions on the firing line. There are 10 shooters per round.

**Targets:** B-17 scoring rings

**Scoring:** All scoring will be done by the participant. Assistance can be provided by the Range Officer(s).

**Safety Rules:** Each shooter's first responsibility is for their own safe conduct while participating in any phase of the shooting match. All shooters on the range should consider themselves Safety Officers and are expected to remain alert for any unsafe actions. All participants should immediately report unsafe conditions to the Chairperson(s), and if necessary, call a ceasefire.

Eye and hearing protection must be worn by all shooters while shooting. Such protection is recommended for everyone in the range area.

### **Firearms Safety**

Treat every firearm as if it were loaded at all times.

Keep track of muzzle direction. Do not "sweep" other participants or spectators between stages or when moving firearms to and from gun carts or tables.

All firearms will remain unloaded except at the loading table and under the direction of the Range Officer.

When changing location during a stage, all firearms must be made safe. Rifles must have actions open and chambers and magazines empty.

The Range Officer MUST inspect all firearms before they leave the shooting stage. All rifles must have actions open, chamber flags in place, magazines removed (if applicable) and on safe (if applicable).

There will be no handling of any firearms when people are down-range.

**Duties of Range Safety Officers:** Range Safety Officers will ensure all safety rules are being followed and may call a ceasefire at any time due to a safety issue. They will ensure that all rifles are made safe after each stage.

**Duties of Timers:** Timekeepers' duties are to ensure each stage does not go past the allotted time.

**Duties of Scorekeepers:** Each participant keeps their own score. Score sheets are provided by the Range Officer.

**Duties of Coaches:** Coaches may assist shooters who may be unfamiliar with the rifle being used. Coaches may not impede any other participants while assisting a shooter.

**Duties of Spotters:** Spotters may assist any shooter but must spot from the tables behind the firing line. A participant may do their own spotting and may have their spotting scope on the firing line.

**Duties of Shooters:** The shooter must be familiar with safe firearm handling procedures. It is their duty to call the attention of a Range Safety Officer if there is a mechanical or safety issue. It is also the shooter's duty to make the rifle safe at the completion of the stage.

**Duties of Observers:** Remain behind firing line at all times. Wear ear and eye protection. Do not distract shooters. Follow all directions of the Chairperson and Range Officers and alert them if any unsafe situation is observed.