

CMP Youth Air Rifle SOP

Range(s): Indoor

Purpose & Skill Focus: To learn marksmanship and firearms safety in preparation for a lifetime of firearms enjoyment. We belong to the American Legion Youth Shooting Sports program and are sponsored by American Legion Post 535 in Oxford, PA. This can begin a journey to the Olympic Games, if a Junior wishes to pursue it.

Who May Participate: Juniors ages 8 to 18 are encouraged to join us. However, we welcome younger than 8 if the Junior is mature enough to listen to our simple line commands. Parents are required to sign in themselves and their Junior(s) and must remain in the building. Chairs are arranged for easy viewing. Disabilities will be accommodated as long as safety of all members is ensured.

Fee 2019: Free

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.

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

Set up targets and backstops prior to start of shoot

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

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

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: We provide all shooters with Daisy 853 air rifles.

Auxiliary Equipment Requirements: We provide all shooters with pellets, targets, safety glasses, shooting mats, and shooting stands.

Range Setup/Design: Targets are set at 10 meters or 32 feet 9 inches.

Targets: Single-bull TQ 18s and 12-bull NRA AR-5/10s

Placement of Loading/Unloading Tables: ALL loading and unloading of rifles will be done only on the firing line, while the line is active.

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.

1. Eye protection is required for everyone on the firing line. Ear protection is *not* required for any participants, observers, coaches, or range officers.
2. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
3. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction – straight up or toward the target.
4. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
5. Keep the action open and unloaded until you are ready to fire.
6. **DO NOT** touch a firearm until you are directed to do so.
7. **DO NOT** lay a rifle down with a pellet in the chamber.
8. Use of a CBI (Clear Barrel Indicator or Flag) is required at all times except when firing on the line.
9. **NO** handling of firearms when someone is down range or in front of the firing line.
10. **NO** one moves in front of the firing line while firing is taking place.
11. When moving rifles to or from the firing line, carry it muzzle up, with both hands, and with finger off the trigger.
12. Shoot only at your assigned target.
13. Listen carefully to the line officer's commands. If you have a question or don't understand, raise your hand and we will explain it to you.
14. All Shooters and other Personnel who handle pellets may NOT handle food during shooting and must thoroughly wash their hands immediately after shooting is complete.

Procedures: After a safety briefing, we organize Juniors into relays of up to 10 shooters. Relays take roughly 15 minutes to complete so that Juniors don't have a lot of wait time. Each shooter completes 3 to 4 targets each night.

Scoring: We do not formally record scores, but we encourage Juniors to track their own improvement over time.

Duties of Range Safety Officers: All Rifle Instructors and Range Safety Officers are NRA-certified and are on the line at all times to watch and help the shooters. No shooter will be left behind!

Duties of Timers: There is no whistle. All instructions are given by voice command.

Duties of Scorekeepers: Maintain a record of scores and inform participants of their scores

Duties of Coaches: Support shooters needing instruction while supporting the Chair in maintaining range safety

Duties of Spotters: NA

Duties of Shooters: Adhere to all range safety rules. Obey commands of the Range Officers.

Duties of Observers: Remain behind firing line at all times. Do not distract shooters. Follow all directions of the Chairperson and Range Officers and alert them if any unsafe situation is observed. For any observers who want to be ON the firing line with their juniors, eye protection is required.