

# Southern Lancaster County Farmer-Sportsmen's Association General Policies

I understand that it is my responsibility to know and follow the Association's general policies and procedures for the orderly use of its facilities, and for the safety of other members, their guests, spectators, and event participants. Policies for specific Association Activities are available on the website. Changes to any Association general policy or range rule will be posted in the newsletter and on the website. **It is each member's responsibility to stay current on all rules and policies.** Refer to the Rules Enforcement Policy from the website in the members-only section entitled Forms/SOPs. This policy describes the actions taken by SLCFSA and the consequences to the member for violating the rules and policies.

The Southern Lancaster County Farmer-Sportsmen's Association assumes no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or loss while members and their guests are on the Association facilities.

## Membership & Guest Policies

1. In order to be accepted as a member, I must attend an Association orientation, during which I must complete an application for membership and pay designated dues. My application will be approved by the current membership at the General Membership meeting following my orientation. General Membership meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 p.m. **I understand that my gate card will not become active until up to 7 days after that General Meeting. Check the website for activation alerts.**
2. Membership runs the calendar year. Renewal season runs September 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Renewal instructions and applications are printed in the newsletter and available online under "Membership Info". **Failure to fully follow renewal instructions or meet the renewal deadline will result in loss of membership. Newsletters go out to all members via USPS, email or website depending on members choice; if you are not receiving your newsletters, it is your responsibility to immediately notify club leadership by emailing [contact@slcfsa.org](mailto:contact@slcfsa.org).**
3. I am required to be able to identify myself as a member of the Association by carrying my gate card and proof of membership on my person while on the grounds. Each member is required to be the sole user of his or her gate card. Piggy-backing through the gate is not allowed; each person must swipe through independently.
4. The use of Association ranges is limited to SLCFSA members and their guests with the exception being sanctioned club events which are open to the public. Members are allowed to bring a total of three (3) nonmembers as guests.
5. The member is responsible for the actions of their guests and must remain with them at all times when on Association facilities. For example, members must remain with their guests on the same range; if someone wishes to move to another range, all move together.
6. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent, or a responsible adult with the parent's written permission, who must remain in the immediate vicinity of the underage person while on the grounds. While on the firing line, the minor must remain within arm's reach of the responsible adult.
7. Report lost or found items via the website Contact page, or to an Officer or Director. Found items should be turned over to an Officer, Director, or the Building & Grounds Chair for safe keeping until the owner is found. Lost & Found listings are accessible through the website Members-Only area and in the newsletters.

## **General Safety Policies**

1. I am responsible for my own safety and for the safety of people around me at the facilities; therefore, I will be aware of and follow all vehicle speed limits, parking rules, and posted safety instruction signs.
2. I understand that no use or sale of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is permitted on the grounds, including the pond area. I also understand that if I am impaired by the use of alcohol or drugs, I will not be allowed to participate in activities and will be asked to leave the grounds.
3. Any inappropriate or unsafe actions by a person while on Association facilities may result in that person being asked to leave. Some examples of inappropriate or unsafe actions are: drinking alcoholic beverages, being impaired in any way, not correcting a safety infraction, inappropriate shooting, using unauthorized firearms or ammunition, etc. If confronted about an infraction, persons are expected to respond courteously. If someone asks for your member #, give it.
4. If you observe any inappropriate activity, ask for name and member # or record the person's license plate #. Notice if there are any witnesses and record their contact details. Do not get into a confrontation; rather, walk away and report the information immediately to an Officer or Director. Contacts are posted on the message boards by the ranges. An Incident Report Form can be found on our website in the Members-Only area under Forms; please fill out this form to the best of your ability. Member incidents will be handled by the Executive Committee; non-members may be reported to the appropriate authorities.
5. In the event of any medical or facility emergency, or to report an unsafe condition, follow the Emergency Reporting Instructions posted at the message boards by the ranges. Notify a member of the Executive Committee as soon as possible and fill out an Incident Report Form.
6. No loaded firearms are permitted in the clubhouse, except by holders of a valid license to carry firearms, on-duty law enforcement, and during sanctioned events.
7. During some Association Activities (e.g., Fishing Derby, hunting and fishing shows, mowing, snow removal, construction, Trap events), some areas may be closed for safety reasons. Check the website or newsletter calendars for details.
8. Pets must be under the control of their owners/handlers. Clean up after your pet.
9. Hunting is not permitted.
10. Motor vehicles are permitted only on paved areas and the stone parking lot by the pond. Motor vehicles are not permitted on the ranges without prior written approval from the Executive Committee, such as for disabled persons. This approval is to be carried on one's person while using the approved vehicle.
11. No use of dirt bikes, quads, or snowmobiles is allowed without permission.
12. Grounds and range maintenance, and cleaning and repairs, is accomplished by member volunteers. Clean up after yourself and your guests and use the available trash containers for disposing of your trash.

## General Range Policies

1. Outdoor shooting hours are Mon – Sat 8 a.m. till sundown, and on Sunday from 12 noon till sundown. There is no shooting on Sunday before 12 noon. Shooting must cease at “sundown” as defined by the PA Game Commission. Times are listed near the ranges on the message boards, on the website, and in every newsletter. Some sanctioned Trap activities extend past sundown to include shooting under the lights.
2. During all Trap events, the lower rifle range (R3) is closed. The upper rifle range (R1) is open.
3. The mowing contractor always has right-of-use when he works on a range. The range will be considered cold while he is working; firearms must remain unloaded and untouched until he leaves the range.
4. The following are not permitted on any range for safety reasons: .50 cal BMG-type firearms, and tracer rounds. A fully auto firearm, legally licensed, may be fired in semi-auto mode only. To fire in full-auto mode, written and signed permission for each one-time instance must be obtained from the Executive Committee.
5. All shooters on the ranges must wear ear and eye protection. Any spectators near the firing lines must also be protected. Always be courteous to fellow shooters by ensuring they are aware when shooting on your line will begin, as well as the anticipated direction/location of your ejected shells.
6. Shooting on all ranges is to be done at appropriate paper or cardboard targets only. Targets should be placed on the chicken wire using clothes pins and not on the wooden frames.
7. Never handle, load, or fire a firearm while anyone is down-range. This includes casing, uncasing, cleaning, or adjusting your firearm in any way. Step back from the firing line and away from your firearm.
8. All firearms are to be unloaded and actions open before anyone goes down-range.
9. Chamber flags are strongly recommended so all shooters know all firearms on the line are safe.
10. All shooters using the same range must be on a firing line the same distance from the targets.
11. No shooting takes place until all shooters are behind the firing line.
12. Keep firearms pointed in a safe direction at all times.
13. No cross firing – shoot only at the backstops directly relative to your position.
14. Shots will be spaced at a reasonable time apart, based on your ability to hit your posted targets. **Safe and controlled fire on your target is required; if you cannot keep all rounds on target, SLOW DOWN**. SLCFSA strongly recommends spacing rounds approximately 3 seconds apart. Magazine dumps are not allowed.
15. Before leaving the range, pick up shell casings, remove targets from the backstop, and deposit them in the proper trash containers. If the containers are full, take the trash to the nearest dumpster. Do not place live ammo or duds in the trash cans. Place all unspent rounds in the red dud boxes found at each range.

Membership & Guest Policies Item 4 adopted by the General Membership 12/20/2021.

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## COWBOY PITS (P1) RULES

### PERMITTED FIREARMS

- A. PISTOLS/REVOLVERS CHAMBERED IN PISTOL CALIBERS (NO BOTTLENECKED RIFLE CARTRIDGES OR CARTRIDGES ORIGINALLY CHAMBERED FOR RIFLES)
- B. RIMFIRES
- C. PISTOL CALIBER CARBINES/RIFLES
- D. AIR RIFLES/PISTOLS

NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS FOR ANY REASON WHILE SOMEONE IS DOWN-RANGE IN YOUR PIT, NO EXCEPTIONS.

CHAMBER FLAGS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

SHOOTERS/OBSERVERS MUST USE EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.

MULTIPLE PEOPLE IN SAME PIT MUST BE SAME DISTANCE FROM BACKSTOP.

FIREARMS MUST BE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION ALWAYS – DO NOT SWEEP OTHERS.

NO TRICK SHOOTING.

DRAW FROM HOLSTER PERMITTED ONLY IF YOU ARE THE LONE SHOOTER IN PIT.

ALL ROUNDS MUST IMPACT BACKSTOP, NOT THE WOOD.

PAPER/CARDBOARD TARGETS ONLY.

## 50-YARD PISTOL (P3) RANGE RULES

### PERMITTED FIREARMS

- A. PISTOLS/REVOLVERS IN RIMFIRE AND ORIGINAL PISTOL CARTRIDGE CHAMBERINGS
- B. NO OTHER FIREARMS PERMITTED

NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS FOR ANY REASON WHILE SOMEONE IS DOWN-RANGE, NO EXCEPTIONS.

BEFORE GOING DOWN-RANGE, FIREARMS UNLOADED/ACTIONS OPEN, PISTOLS HOLSTERED. CHAMBER FLAGS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

SHOOTERS/OBSERVERS MUST USE EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.

FIREARMS MUST BE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AT ALL TIMES – DO NOT SWEEP OTHERS.

ALL SHOOTERS MUST BE SAME DISTANCE FROM TARGETS.

NO CROSS FIRING. TARGET MUST BE DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF YOU.

NO TRICK SHOOTING.

ALL ROUNDS MUST IMPACT BACKSTOP BEHIND TARGET, NOT BAFFLES OR WALLS.

PAPER/CARDBOARD TARGETS ONLY, EXCEPT CLUB-PROVIDED STEEL TARGETS.

## 50-YARD MUZZLELOADER (P2) RANGE RULES

### PERMITTED FIREARMS

- A. MUZZLELOADING RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, AND PISTOLS
- B. RIMFIRES
- C. PISTOLS/REVOLVERS
- D. CENTERFIRE RIFLES

NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS FOR ANY REASON WHILE SOMEONE IS DOWN-RANGE, NO EXCEPTIONS.

RANGE FLAG USE IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES.

BEFORE GOING DOWN-RANGE, FIREARMS UNLOADED/ACTIONS OPEN, PISTOLS HOLSTERED. CHAMBER FLAGS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

SHOOTERS/OBSERVERS MUST USE EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.

FIREARMS MUST BE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AT ALL TIMES – DO NOT SWEEP OTHERS.

ALL SHOOTERS MUST BE SAME DISTANCE FROM TARGETS.

NO CROSS FIRING. TARGET MUST BE DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF YOU.

NO TRICK SHOOTING.

DRAW FROM HOLSTER PERMITTED ONLY IF YOU ARE THE LONE SHOOTER IN PIT.

ALL ROUNDS MUST IMPACT BACKSTOP, NOT THE WOOD.

PAPER/CARDBOARD TARGETS ONLY.

## CONCRETE PITS (P4) RULES

### PERMITTED FIREARMS

- A. PISTOLS/REVOLVERS CHAMBERED IN PISTOL CALIBERS (NO BOTTLENECKED RIFLE CARTRIDGES OR CARTRIDGES ORIGINALLY CHAMBERED FOR RIFLES)
- B. RIMFIRES
- C. PISTOL CALIBER CARBINES/RIFLES
- D. AIR RIFLES/PISTOLS

NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS FOR ANY REASON WHILE SOMEONE IS DOWN-RANGE IN YOUR PIT, NO EXCEPTIONS.

CHAMBER FLAGS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

SHOOTERS/OBSERVERS MUST USE EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.

MULTIPLE PEOPLE IN SAME PIT MUST BE SAME DISTANCE FROM BACKSTOP.

FIREARMS MUST BE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AT ALL TIMES – DO NOT SWEEP OTHERS.

NO TRICK SHOOTING.

DRAW FROM HOLSTER PERMITTED ONLY IF YOU ARE THE LONE SHOOTER IN PIT.

ALL ROUNDS MUST IMPACT BACKSTOP, NOT THE WOOD OR CONCRETE.

PAPER/CARDBOARD TARGETS ONLY.

### 100-YARD RIFLE (R1) RANGE RULES

#### PERMITTED FIREARMS

- A. RIFLES UP TO BUT NOT INCLUDING .50 BMG CALIBER
- B. MUZZLELOADERS
- C. AIR RIFLES/PISTOLS
- D. PISTOLS/REVOLVERS
- E. SHOTGUNS FIRING SLUGS ONLY

NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS FOR ANY REASON WHILE SOMEONE IS DOWN-RANGE, NO EXCEPTIONS.

RANGE FLAG USE IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES.

BEFORE GOING DOWN-RANGE, FIREARMS UNLOADED/ACTIONS OPEN, PISTOLS HOLSTERED. CHAMBER FLAGS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

SHOOTERS/OBSERVERS MUST USE EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.

FIREARMS MUST BE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AT ALL TIMES – DO NOT SWEEP OTHERS.

ALL SHOOTERS MUST BE ON SAME FIRING LINE.

NO HIP OR TRICK SHOOTING – USE SIGHTS.

NO CROSS FIRING. TARGET MUST BE DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF YOU.

ALL ROUNDS MUST IMPACT BACKSTOP, NOT THE WOOD.

PAPER/CARDBOARD TARGETS ONLY.

### 300-YARD RIFLE (R3) RANGE RULES

#### PERMITTED FIREARMS

- F. RIFLES UP TO BUT NOT INCLUDING .50 BMG CALIBER
- G. MUZZLELOADERS
- H. AIR RIFLES/PISTOLS
- I. PISTOLS/REVOLVERS
- J. SHOTGUNS FIRING SLUGS ONLY

NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS FOR ANY REASON WHILE SOMEONE IS DOWN-RANGE, NO EXCEPTIONS.

RANGE FLAG USE IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES.

BEFORE GOING DOWN-RANGE, FIREARMS UNLOADED/ACTIONS OPEN, PISTOLS HOLSTERED. CHAMBER FLAGS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

SHOOTERS/OBSERVERS MUST USE EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.

FIREARMS MUST BE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AT ALL TIMES – DO NOT SWEEP OTHERS.

ALL SHOOTERS MUST BE ON SAME FIRING LINE.

NO HIP OR TRICK SHOOTING – USE SIGHTS.

NO CROSS FIRING. TARGET MUST BE DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF YOU.

ALL ROUNDS MUST IMPACT BACKSTOP, NOT THE WOOD.

PAPER/CARDBOARD TARGETS ONLY, EXCEPT CLUB-PROVIDED STEEL TARGETS.

### TRAP (T) RANGE RULES

#### PERMITTED FIREARMS

- A. SHOTGUNS OF ALL TYPES, 10 GAUGE OR SMALLER
- B. SHELLS MUST USE SHOT SIZE 5 OR SMALLER

NO HANDLING OF FIREARMS FOR ANY REASON WHILE SOMEONE IS DOWN-RANGE, NO EXCEPTIONS.

GUNS MUST BE TRANSPORTED TO/FROM FIRING POSITIONS UNLOADED, ACTIONS OPEN.

FIREARMS MUST BE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION AT ALL TIMES – DO NOT SWEEP OTHERS.

SHOOTERS/OBSERVERS MUST USE EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.

NO HIP OR TRICK SHOOTING – USE SIGHTS.

HAND THROWING BETWEEN HOUSES 2 AND 3 ONLY – THROW STRAIGHT OUT.

CLAY BIRDS AND SHOT MUST TRAVEL DOWN-RANGE, NOT TOWARD POND OR RIFLE (R3) BACKSTOPS.

### ARCHERY (A) RANGE RULES

#### PERMITTED

- A. BOWS OF ALL TYPES: COMPOUNG, RECURVE, LONG, ETC.
- B. CROSSBOWS
- C. FIELD OR TARGET POINTS ONLY
- D. BROADHEADS PERMITTED ON 20-YARD (LEFT) TARGET ONLY

REMOVE TARGET COVERS BEFORE SHOOTING; REPLACE WHEN FINISHED.

NO HANDLING OF BOWS/CROSSBOWS FOR ANY REASON WHILE SOMEONE IS IN FRONT OF FIRING LINE.

ALL SHOOTERS MUST BE ON SAME FIRING LINE.

NOCK ARROWS/BOLTS ONLY WHEN ALL SHOOTERS ARE READY.