

Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park  
CMP MATCH - RANGE SAFETY RULES

Rifles will remain secured in the vehicle until after completing registration and rifles are *CARRIED* to the *READY AREA*. At no time will they be brought into the clubhouse. All club standing safety rules will be observed at all times.

**MATCH TERMINOLOGY AND SAFETY RULES**

1. The "FIRING LINE" is line 100 yards from the target line. "FIRING POINTS" are numbered 1-20 on the Firing Line. ALL SHOOTERS MUST REMAIN BEHIND THE FIRING LINE UNTIL CLEARED TO GO DOWNRANGE BY THE RANGE OFFICER. Numbered markers are located on the LEFT side of Firing Points. Firing Points are 8.5 feet wide. "TARGETS" are 100 yards downrange from the firing line and are numbered by Firing Point, i.e. shooter at Firing Point #6, shoots at Target #6.
2. The "READY AREA" is an area to the rear of the FIRING LINE or in an adjacent area, as space allows. The "READY LINE" is a line 10 feet behind the FIRING LINE. All shooters who are not firing must remain in the READY AREA behind or away from the READY LINE.
3. "CARRYING" the rifle is defined as moving the rifle from the car parking area to the READY AREA. Chambers must be open with ECI inserted during CARRYING, even if in a case.
4. "HANDLING" the rifle is defined as any action other than CARRYING. Handling includes operating or closing the action, holding the rifle, aiming or pointing; or inserting a clip, magazine or cartridge. Putting on a sling that is attached to a rifle is not permitted. In the READY AREA, shooters may blacken sights or charge clips or magazines only. INSERTING a clip or magazine is PROHIBITED.
5. "GROUNDED RULES": When rifles are brought to the Firing Line they must be GROUNDED (laid on ground, muzzles pointed down range) with actions open and ECI's inserted. They may only be picked up when directed by the Range Officer. When firing is completed rifles must again be GROUNDED and only picked up after the Range Officer gives instructions to remove rifles from the Firing Line.
6. "RANGE OFFICERS" There will be a Chief Range Officer (CRO) and several Assistant Range Officers (ARO). The CRO will issue commands.

**RANGE COMMANDS by Chief Range Officer**

1. Call to Firing Line – *"Relay X take your position on the Firing Line"*
2. Preparation Period – *"Your 3 min. preparation period begins now"*
3. End of Preparation Period – *"The preparation period has ended"*
4. Load rifle – *"Load"*
5. Line Check – *"Is the line ready"* , *"The line IS ready"*

6. Begin Firing – “*Commence Firing*”
7. End firing – “Cease Firing”
8. Clear line – “Is the line clear?” “The line IS clear”
9. Proceed Downrange. After each rifle has been individually checked by a ARO and deemed safe, the command ... “*Proceed downrange to score your target and/or post a new target.*” “*Police brass when you return.*” “*Do not HANDLE your rifle.*”
10. Remove equipment from line. After all strings are fired and targets and brass retrieved, the CRO commands . . . “*You may remove your rifle and equipment from the firing line*” is given.

## **PROBLEMS**

1. Raise hand and the CRO or an ARO will assist. “Ground” rifle and keep muzzle pointed down range.
2. Alibis will be allowed during rapid fire stages.
3. Misfires – Leave in chamber for 5 seconds to avoid chance of hang fire.

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