



ECSA RANGE SAFETY ORIENTATION COURSE

Chapter 1: Entry

When you have paid your membership dues, received your Range Safety Orientation, and passed the written Range Safety Orientation Quiz, you will be issued a membership card with the gate entry code. That code will open the pad lock at the gate. The code is changed January 1st of each year.

A) The gate is kept locked except when the range is open for a public event. Please lock the gate after you enter, then hoist appropriate flag and sign in.

B) As you enter, note the flagpole on your left. If anyone is on the range, shooting, the red flag should be up. If the range is closed for maintenance like mowing or target repair, the maintenance flag (white with a black cross) should be up.

If the maintenance flag is up, there will be no shooting until the maintenance is complete and the flag is down.

If the red flag is not up and you are going to shoot, you must raise the red flag. If you are the last shooter to leave the range, it is your responsibility to lower the red flag.

C) There is a kiosk, next to the flagpole with a sign-in sheet and clipboard. You must sign in and out when entering and leaving the range.

Chapter 2: Range Layout

The ECSA range facility consists of several ranges. Although some paper target stands may be available, do not depend on it. We suggest that you bring your own target stands and take them with you when you leave.

A) High-Power Rifle

There are 8 concrete shooting benches inside the rifle house. Outside the house are several wooden shooting benches. The rifle house is fitted with two sliding doors which can be closed during windy weather. Secure the doors in the open position when shooting is done.

There is an overhead flashing light in the middle of the building. It is powered by a battery, on a solar charger. The switch to turn the light on is in a red housing on the south wall. **Make sure the light is off if you are the last shooter to leave the rifle range.** A simple first aid box is located on the west wall.

At the north end of the rifle house are several platform ramps for prone shooting. Please stand them up against the north wall and secure them when done using them.

The high-power range lies directly in front of the rifle house and is the width of the 100-yard berm, to the right side of the road running perpendicular to the target berms.

There are impact berms at 100, 200, 300, 500 and 600 yards. There are short berms with targets at 700, 800, 900 and 1000 yards.

You will find steel targets at the different impact berms. In addition, you will find paper target hangers at the 100-yard and 200-yard berms, which are made of railroad ties and available to staple paper or cardboard on for targets. **Please do not shoot up the wood structure of these target stands or the stands and hanging chains of the steel targets.**

B) Cartridge type black powder rifle range

To the left of the high-power range, on the north side of the gravel access road, is a range used for cartridge style black powder shooting. The steel targets on this part of the range are mild steel and are not to be shot at with modern weapons.

C) Shotgun/trap range

To the north of the rifle house is a concrete bunker containing a trap machine. This machine can only be run by designated club members and needs power from the generator. On the bunker is a sign with the names and phone numbers for people designated to load and run the trap. Prior arrangements must be made to use the machine and a fee will be charged for the use and the clay birds. You may use your own "hand" trap throwers in this area. Please try to keep your broken bird debris in this trap area.

D) Pistol range

The Pistol range firing line is under a roof and the range is set up with several steel target arrays. These targets and their stands are susceptible to high-power ammo damage. Therefore, this range is limited to .22 rimfire rifles and pistols (shooting pistol calibers) only.

E) 3-Gun and competition bays

The 5 Competition Bays are for special use and formal matches only. They may only be used with permission of the Board.

F) Other facilities

There are steel Conex storage containers at the competition bays and near the Pistol range.

There is a vault toilet between the Pistol range and the High-Power rifle house.

Two Porta-Potties are located at the Competition Bays.

There is a multi-purpose, storage, and education trailer, with parking, between the rifle house and Pistol range.

There are risers with power outlets scattered over the facility. These are powered by a propane generator, which is locked and can only be run by designated club members.

The facility has a water well with a 1000-gallon storage tank. The water is supplied to various faucets by gravity from the tank. The well pump requires that the generator be run to fill the storage tank.

Chapter 3: Range Rules

Members should wear their Range ID or display the ID on their range bag, while using the ECSA facilities.

Members should always check the calendar on the ECSA website (eaglecapshooters.com) before planning to use the range. Check for scheduled matches, closures and other news and information.

No firearms will be loaded or discharged anywhere in this facility unless they are handled in one of the established range areas and then only discharged so that they impact within the designated berms or target areas.

A copy of the Range Rules and Guide will be given to each member during Orientation and are available on-line at eaglecapshooters.com. Below are some of the highlights.

Firearm safety rules are posted in the Rifle house and Pistol range. All users must read, understand and comply with these safety rules.

All new ECSA members must complete this Orientation and the attached Quiz. When this is satisfactorily completed, the new member will be considered an ECSA **Certified Range Officer (CRO)**. As a CRO, every member is expected to obey and enforce the Range Rules. In the case of a disagreement over the Range Rules, the Board will be asked for a ruling on the issue. A CRO is not to be confused with a **Range Safety Officer (RSO)** as certified by the NRA or any one of several organized shooting groups like the IDPA, IPSC, SASS or others.

If a certified NRA RSO is in attendance at the range and identifies themselves as such, their decisions and requests are to be obeyed without argument. Disagreements with the RSO can be handled by the ECSA Board later.

The red flags at the gate and at the Rifle building are to be displayed during live fire.

Range hours: no earlier than 7 AM or any later than 8 PM, but in any case, during legal daylight hours only.

Eye and ear protection is to be worn by all shooters and any observers, at all times during live fire.

A "Cease Fire" may be called by anyone, at any time. When a "Cease Fire" is called, all shooting will stop immediately. On command, all actions will be open, magazines removed or emptied, chamber flags installed, and weapons placed in racks (rifles and shotguns).

On ranges with painted lines; No one is to cross a red line with any part of their body, while the range is "Hot". Only shooters and designated RSO's or match assistants may be between the red and yellow lines during live fire.

No glass, cans, milk jugs, garbage or scrap will be used as targets. No ECSA property such as brass buckets will be used as targets! Vandalism or damage of ECSA property may result in disciplinary action.

Clean up after yourself. Remove your paper and cardboard targets and put your scrap paper in the burn barrels. Pick up your empty cartridges or shotgun hulls. Use buckets marked steel cartridges, brass cartridges, and aluminum cartridges.

Shotgun hulls can go in the burn barrels. Please use the appropriate bucket and do not throw garbage in with the cartridges. Put your burnable garbage in the burn barrels and take anything else home with you. If you are leaving a target stand, clean it of targets and neatly stack it at the end of the rifle house or next to the trailer at the pistol range.

No tracer, incendiary or armor piercing ammo is to be used and no exploding targets or Tannerite is to be used. The Board may approve exploding targets for use in approved matches, under tightly controlled circumstances.

No metal target or bowling pin will be used as a target unless it is at least 10-yards from the shooter.

Any accidents or injuries must be immediately reported to a Board Member.

When the rifle range is cold and anyone is going downrange, the Flashing Light will be energized at the red switch on the south wall. When it has been assured that all persons are back behind the red line and it is safe to go "range hot" again, the Flashing Light will be turned off.

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It is the responsibility of each shooter to safely move firearms from vehicle to rifle racks or tables.

COLD RANGE

- "Cold Range" begins with the command "Cease Fire" followed by "Unload All Firearms and Show Clear". At this time, all shooters will unload their firearms, open actions, remove detachable magazines and insert chamber flags. The command may be given to put rifles in the rifle racks. The command will then be given "The Range is Cold".
- No firearms may be handled during a cold range condition. This includes firearms on shooting tables, in rifle racks, inside carrying cases, holsters or any other location. **NO ONE HANDLES A FIREARM FOR ANY REASON, WHEN THE RANGE IS ANNOUNCED COLD.**
- When the range is "COLD" and people are going forward of the Red Line, the Flashing Light will be energized.

HOT RANGE

- "The Range is Hot" command will be given when it is safe to handle firearms and to shoot them from the line.
- Shooters will not go forward of the firing line (Red Line) for any reason during a "hot range" condition.
- Before a range goes "hot" all persons must be behind the yellow line or 5' behind the benches, if there is no yellow line.
- Ensure that no one is downrange, and the Flashing Light is off.
- Always keep muzzles pointed in a safe direction.
- **CEASE FIRE AND COLD RANGE ARE DIFFERENT COMMANDS!**
- The range may be "HOT" during a CEASE FIRE for firearms to be uncased, moved, setup or worked on to clear a jam or similar gunsmith type work.

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Range Safety Orientation Quiz

1. What two safety items must be worn by all shooters and observers at or near the firing line?

2. What must be displayed at the gate when shooting is taking place anywhere on the range facility?

3. If this is displayed at the main gate flagpole, you must not shoot anywhere on the range facility.

4. If the flashing light is operating in the Rifle House, what does it mean?

- a. Safe to shoot
- b. "Cease Fire" in effect
- c. Range is "Cold" and people are downrange
- d. All of the above

5. When the range is "Cold" what is the status of all firearms?

- a. Unloaded
- b. Action open
- c. Removable magazines out
- d. Chamber flag in
- e. All of the above

6. Who may call a "Cease Fire"?

- a. the CSO
- b. the RSO
- c. the Range-master
- d. Anyone

7. What cannot be shot at the pistol range?

- a. .45 ACP Pistol
- b. .223 in AR-15
- c. .22 long rifle in a rifle
- d. 10 mm Pistol

8. What are the hours shooting is permitted at the range facility?

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Instructor: _____ Date: _____