

LASC Membership Safety Orientation

PURPOSE OF ORIENTATION

- a) The main purpose and highest priority of the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club (LASC) orientation is safety and facility education.
- b) Lapse of membership of greater than 1 year requires retaking orientation as some of the rules and facility amenities may have changed.
- c) If you signed up for orientation but failed to attend the next orientation, do not expect your dues to be prorated because of your not attending the orientation you scheduled.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

By attending the orientation each and every person on LASC controlled property agrees they are responsible for their own actions and those of their guests. These members also agree to assume the risk of being on such property and furthermore agree to indemnify the Los Alamos Sportsmans Club and it's Officers for any negligence on the part of themselves, their guests, or their property (e.g. pets).

VOLUNTEERISM

This is a volunteer club. The Board, business operations, sections, website, work, and programs are volunteer run, be respectful as such. The property is owned by the DOE and leased to LASC. Volunteers are you and I. Your dues do not pay for management or profits; they pay for rent, improvements, and maintenance. If you have a suggestion, take ownership - please write down your plan, bring it to a Board meeting and present it. (As of this writing, the first Thursday of the month at Project Y in Los Alamos) If it's a great suggestion and you are willing to invest your time implementing it, the Board may approve it. There are volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Participate, as a benefit you will receive a credit for up to 8 hours reducing you next year's membership. (Fall / Spring cleanups, Open Range Day, unloading clay birds, membership renewals, and others as needed. There is a form on the website you can fill out for credit.

OPEN TIMES

Outdoor ranges are open for shooting from 8am until SUNSET (LASC has defined sunset as when the sun goes behind the hill, or when the weather service says it is sunset, whichever is earlier) Please be courteous to those who live nearby. The indoor range is open for shooting 8am until 10 PM.

ACCESS

- a) Your gate code card will unlock all gates. Gates should be locked at all times. Close and lock the gates after entering and after leaving. Gates can be left open during an event but the lock combo should not be left visible to non-members.
- b) Your scan badge will get you in the Clubhouse building. However, you must have your badge anytime you are on LASC leased property, including the outdoor ranges. Test your badge before you leave today.
- c) Bathrooms are in the classroom. Please keep the bathroom doors closed as they are heated to reduce the risk of pipes freezing.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL, SMOKING.

ZERO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL as they affect judgment and motor skills. If you or your guests have been drinking or taking any drugs (legal or not) and have to drink alcohol, smoke marijuana, or partake in any drug use please leave the range property. There is free water in the classroom frig - please donate if drinking the waters. No smoking is allowed on LASC property except in your vehicle, please do not throw your butts out on the property.

GUESTS

Guests are allowed but must be escorted by a Member at all times. Each member is allowed two guests to accompany them on the range. YOU are responsible for yours and your guest's behavior, safety, and shooting. Minors, persons under years of age 18 MUST be under direct supervision of a member at ALL times. A minor has to shoot with an adult present and the minor must shoot on the adult's lane. An adult will stand within arms length of the minor while handling a firearm. The supervising adult MUST concentrate on the minor if handling the firearm and cannot be reloading magazines, looking through a spotting scope, or shooting at another table.

WEBSITE

- a) Please see and print specific range information and rules from the website, under the public document menu.
- b) Please check the calendar for range usage and closures before coming, as the range that you are interested in may be reserved. You may reserve a range lane. If reserving a range lane, bring the emailed confirmation you should receive, as to reduce the possibility of conflict with others. Generally, shooting positions are first come, first served, however a reserved position has precedence.
- c) Please join groups from the website you may want to participate in.
- d) Update your "profile". We are a community and you may want to meet some of those in the community.
- e) To report your volunteer hours, sign in the LASC website (la-sc.org), choose the "members tools" menu and then the "work credit program" tab. You can complete the volunteer form there.

GENERAL SAFETY AND RANGE RULES

Each range has range safety rules posted. (Indoor range, Outdoor Pistol, Shotgun, Rifle, and Archery.) Read the range safety rules as you enter the range area and adhere to them. Failure to abide by safety rules may result in suspension or termination of membership. While there are posted range specific rules posted at each range there are these basic rules listed below that apply to the entire property.

- 1) Prior to coming to the range be sure your gun or bow is safe to operate. Regular maintenance, cleaning and storage are paramount to a safe gun or bow. If unsure of your gun or bow condition, have it evaluated by a professional prior to bringing it to the range and possibly endangering others.
- 2) Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- 3) Always keep the muzzle pointed down range or pointed straight up, know your target and beyond before you shoot.
- 4) Never point a firearm at anything you do not intend to destroy.
- 5) All members, guests, and spectators MUST use ear and eye protection on ALL gun ranges.
- 6) Firearms will be brought to the lines in a case or with actions open and unloaded.
- 7) Firearms must be holstered or cased and unloaded unless on the firing line, legally holstered open carry, or legal concealed carry. However, they are not to be drawn unless on the firing line and the range is "hot".
- 8) Firearms may only be cased and uncased when the range is "hot" and only when the shooter is on the firing line on the front shooting tables, facing straight down range.
- 9) No glass, explosive, or pyrotechnic targets are allowed anywhere at the facility.
- 10) Tracer, incendiary, and armor piercing (steel core) ammunition is prohibited
- 11) Absolutely no horseplay at any time, as this may result in an unsafe condition.
- 12) Competitors, and spectators not actively shooting MUST stay behind the firing line.
- 13) Coaches, instructors, safety officers, range masters, and match directors may be on the firing line or adjacent to shooting points to perform their duties, but do so at their own risk.
- 14) Do not drive on the berms or shoot into the outdoor pistol range wood berms (pistol bays D and E).
- 15) Duds should be deposited in the dud cans, not left lying on the ground or in trash cans. If you have a "hang fire"; keep the firearm pointed down range until cleared. If unable to simply clear the firearm, take it, barrel up, to one of the safety pits near the outdoor pistol ranges, the safe areas are in Alpha and behind Bravo and in Echo.
- 16) Do not handle firearms behind the firing line, however, pistols may be handled in the pistol safe areas. Firearms. Firearms are to be loaded only at the firing line.
- 17) All firearms will be unloaded and made safe before anyone goes forward of the firing line, open the action and remove the magazine. No firearms, magazines, or components shall be handled while anyone is down range.
- 18) Do not handle another's firearms without their immediate and explicit permission.
- 19) Keep your finger out of the trigger guard and off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
- 20) Throw away your trash, and the trash that inconsiderates have left behind. Never leave the range without picking up your brass, cleaning up after yourself, and putting away the targets, and target stands any other items you have used. Spent brass can be left in the provided container as others will scavenge it for reloading.
- 21) If you find you have inadvertently left behind an item or find an item please report this to the president or vice president. It will be posted on the website's "buy, sell, trade", section for the owner to recover.
- 22) ALL firearms are prohibited on the archery range.

- 23) As with firearms, no bow handling or shooting while people are down range. (i.e. beyond the firing line.)
- 24) Do not shoot the "sight in bales" with broad heads.
- 25) If searching for a lost arrow, lean your bow against a target to indicate you are down range.
- 26) Unless using a service dog or in training, please do not bring pets to the LASC property. If you do, you and you alone are responsible for its control and any accidents that occur because of your animal or to your animal.
- 27) Event-specific rules may be adopted for LASC sanctioned events. Competitors, observers, and spectators must stay well back of the firing line when not shooting and avoid any activity that will cause distractions.
- 28) Paintball guns and air-soft guns may be used on the range, but must follow the same firearm safety rules as live firearms. War games, paint-ball wars, or other games where firearms are pointed at a person are prohibited on all areas of LASC.

RANGE CALLS

There are ONLY 3 range calls. Ensure EVERYONE up and down the firing line is aware of what condition the range is in, hot, cold, or cease fire.

- a) "HOT" means you can shoot, retrieve your guns from your car, prepare your gun or bow for firing, pack up, load guns and magazines, or handle your bow. Prior to making a "HOT" range call it is advisable to double check that no one is downrange.
- b) "COLD" means you are not handling your gun or bow or components in any manner, ZERO. No gun handling until range is called hot. All ranges are "cold" ranges. Do not handle your gun or bow, reload magazines or in any way create an actual or perceived possible unsafe condition. No standing forward of the firing line. Do not be within arms reach of the table, stay visibly away from your shooting bench.
- c) .You cannot bring a gun from your vehicle or to your vehicle, to the firing line during a ceasefire or cold condition. Do not retrieve your gun or bow until the range is "hot." If checking targets the range MUST be "cold".
- d) "CEASE FIRE" means at any time ANYONE can use this command. This command creates an immediate "cold" range condition. Generally this is called when an actual or perceived safety condition exists. If a person has inadvertently broken the shooting plane, crossed the firing line or another unsafe condition potentially exists, stop all activity immediately with a "Cease Fire" call . When it is safe, proceed in cold status, then to "hot" status when appropriate.

EMERGENCIES / UNSAFE BEHAVIOR, If there is a serious injury:

- a) Call 911.
- b) Apply first aid, first aid kits are located in the classroom and target/storage sheds. Many Members carry first aid kits in their vehicles.
- c) If possible, have someone at the gate to guide first responders to the emergency when they arrive. Note that if the emergency call is reported as a gunshot injury, LAPD will arrive first to secure the area to make it safe for first responders.
- d) After emergency responders have arrived, call the President or vice-President of LASC.
- e) Be respectful to club members and club infrastructure. The LASC property is inherently dangerous and attendance or participation in any activity could result in injury or death. Violation of ANY safety rule, written, stated, or implied, will result in swift action. If a member or their guest engages in unsafe or destructive behavior, possibly creating the conditions where an emergency could occur, courteously point out the condition to them. If they continue to engage in such activity, do not confront them or escalate the situation. Take a picture (license plate, person, etc) and report the unsafe, or other misbehavior to the President or Vice President. LASC reserves the right to refuse service and failure to abide by safety rules may result in suspension or termination of membership.

LASC RANGE EVACUATION PLAN.

In the event of a disaster that makes remaining at the range unsafe.

- 1) Call 911 if possible, inform and ask them how to best proceed.
- 2) Notify others present at the range of the issue.
- 3) Take your belongings and leave.

If told the road back to Los Alamos is blocked, unsafe, or impassable and remaining at the range is unsafe.

- 1) Fire is the most likely reason however you should verify the road is blocked, unsafe, or impassable.
- 2) Call 911 and report the situation requesting San Ildefonso assistance to unlock the gate on the road leading away from Los Alamos (down road 502),
- 3) Take the bolt cutters from the wall in the classroom.
- 4) Inform all those on the property you are going down Rendija Canyon, turning right at Guaje Canyon
- 5) Once reaching safety notify the police you are out of the canyon and request they notify other emergency agencies you are out. (e.g. fire, and the pueblo)
- 6) In the unlikely event flooding is occurring do not cross flooded arroyos, it is safest to take shelter at the range either in your vehicle or in the building.

Please see and print specific range information and rules from the website.



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