



KIMBLE COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

CODE OF CONDUCT

- Eye protection of prescription/safety glasses is mandatory.
- No smoking or use of smokeless tobacco at program events.
- 4-H events encourage interaction among all members of the group, but not exclusively with another person.
- Necking, kissing and other sexual displays of personal affection are in poor taste and must be avoided.
- Proper Dress will be required at all times on Shooting Range
- Proper Dress will be Long Pants, Long Sleeve Shirts, and Closed Toe Shoe, No Exceptions.
- At all times be courteous, clean and possess good manners.
- Language must be controlled and appropriate for a 4-H member – NO SWEARING.
- Participants are not to leave the assigned program area at any time without permission from the instructor in charge.
- Participants will not use alcohol or drugs.
- Eye and Ear protection is needed for all weapons .22 or larger to include shotguns.
- To take part in a 4-H shooting club activity, members must have their dues paid, if required, and record books up to date.
- All guns must be handled as if loaded.
- Absolutely no horseplay of any kind will be tolerated.

SAFETY RULES & DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Firearms to be used by participants will be small-bore .22 caliber rifles provided by the local 4-H Club. Participants may bring their own firearms with prior approval of Shooting Sports Instructor/Coach. Participants will observe and obey all Safety Rules set forth below at all times.

Violations of the Firearm/Gun Safety Rules will result in the following **Disciplinary Actions:**

First Offense – A warning will be given and participants re-instructed on proper safety procedures.

Second Offense – Participant will be removed from the Firing Range and excluded from any activities for one week, during which, participant will be required to write a 200 word essay about firearm safety, to be given to the Instructor/Coach prior to returning to the program and demonstrate his/her full understanding of the rules set forth in this document.

Third Offense – Removal from Shooting Sports Program for one Calendar Year. After one calendar year and participant has demonstrated his understanding of the rules to the instructor/coach, participant may be allowed back into program on a probationary basis for 6 months, during which no violations of the rules can occur by the participant. If rules are violated during the probationary period, participant will be dismissed from the program indefinitely.

For the Safety of Participants in the Shooting Sports Program these rules **MUST** be observed at **ALL TIMES** when handling firearms on or off the Range.

Firearm/Gun Safety Rules

1. The muzzle of firearm will be pointed in a safe direction at all times. When on Range, muzzle will be pointed down range at all times
2. The action or breech will be open and firearm unloaded at all times until firing line is clear and permission has been given to fire.
3. Keep finger off trigger at all times until permission has been given to fire by Range Officer.

Range Safety Rules

1. When on firing line, **EYE** and **EAR** Protection **MUST** be worn.
2. Commands by Range Officer and/or Instructor/Coach will be observed at all times.
3. In the event of a **MISFIRE**, Participant will keep muzzle pointed down range and **RAISE HAND** to alert Range Officer. Misfired rounds will be cleared in position (Muzzle pointed down range) by Range Officer or Instructor.
4. **“CEASE FIRE!”** may be given by anyone for Safety Reasons. When the command **“Cease Fire!”** is given, Participants will immediately cease fire, make Rifle Safe by keeping muzzle pointed down range, action open, unloaded and open bolt indicator inserted, then step back away from the firing line.

*Instructor/Coach may add or amend the above rules as necessary in the interest of Safety.

I have read the **CODE OF CONDUCT** and **SAFETY RULES & DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS** set forth above and agree to follow the guidelines.

Member's Signature _____ Date _____

Print Member's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

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