

Lake Island Rifle & Pistol Club Safety Rules

All members and guests must be on the alert to avoid unsafe practices by themselves and others. We cannot possibly cover every conceivable circumstance that would be deemed unsafe. Common sense, knowledge of your firearm, and club rules will help in making your experience safe and pleasant.

Jeff Cooper's four Gun Safety Rules:

1. All guns are **always** loaded.
2. Never let the muzzle cover anything you are not willing to destroy.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target.
4. Be sure of your target. (And backstop)

Club Rules:

1. All shooting is to be done from behind the 75-Foot firing line.
2. Keep all guns in the box or case when not on the firing line.
3. The muzzle of the pistol is always to be pointed down range. Never turn around with a pistol in your hand.
4. All guns on the bench must be made safe; slides back, clips out, cylinders open and empty, and have a safety flag installed in every firearm before going forward to change targets.
5. No one is to handle firearms when shooters are down range. Stay behind the **red** line when **red lights** are on.
6. Know how your gun works. It's hard to use a gun safely if you don't know to use it at all. If you don't know how a particular gun works, read the manual, ask the person you got it from, write the manufacturer for a manual, or seek the advice of an expert.
7. Misfire. If you have a misfire, keep the muzzle *pointed downrange*, keep your *non-shooting* hand away from the action, wait about 30 seconds before removing the magazine and cycling the action. Ammunition has been known to hang fire (delayed fire). This could be a *very* dangerous situation.
8. Squib rounds. A squib round is one that has a weak powder charge. The bullet could easily get stuck in the barrel. If this happens, the report will be quiet and the recoil will feel funny. *Never fire a second round*. You should immediately unload the gun and inspect the barrel and firing chamber for a stuck bullet. Use a wooden dowel to remove the bullet. You may want to have a gunsmith examine the gun before you begin firing again.
9. Be careful to load only five (5) rounds.
10. There is no such thing as a **safety** on a loaded firearm. If you find it necessary to bench and inspect your firearm when shooting, remove the clip and eject the shell in the chamber or swing out the cylinder. Never lower the hammer on a live round

11. If you have a “stove pipe” or other feeding problem with a semi-automatic pistol, remove the magazine first, and then clear the action.
12. If a loaded rim fire shell is stuck in the chamber, never attempt to pry it out with a knife or screwdriver. Instead, remove the clip; push the round out with a rod inserted from the muzzle.
13. When you pick up a pistol, whether it is yours or belongs to someone else, open the action and make sure that the pistol is unloaded.
14. When bench shooting or sighting in a semi-automatic pistol, always rest the heel of the shooting hand and the gun butt in your supporting hand. Never wrap your *supporting* hand around the shooting hand as your thumb may be struck and cut by the recoiling slide.
15. When bench shooting or sighting in a revolver, always rest the heel of the shooting hand and the gun butt in your supporting hand. Never allow your *supporting* hand to wrap around the shooting hand so that it is positioned near the gap between the cylinder and the barrel. This can cause a *serious* injury to the supporting hand.
16. Always wear ear protection when on the firing line or in the range room. Always use effective earplugs or earmuffs. Failure to protect your ears will result in impaired hearing.
17. All persons in the shooting room must have on eye protection, whether you are shooting or not.
18. Use only target loads. No magnum loads are permitted
19. Only rimfire (.22 caliber) rifles are permitted. NO centerfire rifle of any caliber is permitted.
20. Our range is for bullseye shooting only. No fast draw, hip, or stunt shooting of any kind.
21. Only approved bullseye targets and cardboard backers will be used.
22. Shooting while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited. Drugs and alcohol are prohibited on the premises.
23. Range officers or Club members will warn and remove any shooter from the line who does not follow safety rules and range procedures.
24. No smoking permitted anywhere in the building.
25. Now that you have read the rules. Text Ed Enraca at 908-578-2341 with your full name. I will reply back about training. Ex: text the message “John Doe” at 908-578-2341. Thanks and hope to hear from you.

A must read for all members and new shooters:

<http://www.bullseyepistol.com/index.htm>

Everything you always wanted to know about pistol shooting.