

San Francisco Bay Area Council Range Operations Guide

1. **General:** Live firing conducted at the “Rancho Los Mochos, Royaneh and Wente Scout Reservation” complex is designed to provide authorized personnel access to a facility where they can learn firearm safety and become proficient with council and Instructor* supplied firearms.
2. **Facilities for Use:** Range availability is at the discretion of the SFBAC. Live-fire shooting is normally limited to the following ranges and equipment.
 - a. Outdoor Range – (Rancho Los Mochos and Wente Scout Reservation) Rifles smaller than .50 caliber centerfire; pistols any caliber. Anything larger than 22 caliber and hand guns limited to qualified Venture Crews only. (No tracer or armor-piercing ammunition.) Royaneh may not shoot anything larger than 22 caliber on camp rifle range!
 - b. Shotgun Range – 410 caliber, 16 ga., 20 ga. and 12 ga. (#7 ½ shot or smaller; no slugs)
NO CENTERFIRE OR RIMFIRE RIFLE OR HANDGUN ALLOWED ON ANY COUNCIL SHOTGUN RANGE!
3. **Range Limitations and Range Requirements.**
Live-fire shooters will:
 - a. Fire on scheduled ranged that have a Range Safety Officer (RSO) or certified NRA instructor present. (Instructor must be certified for discipline being utilized.)
 - b. Fire only authorized firearms and ammunition.*
 - c. Fire at authorized targets only! Acceptable targets are: Bulls eye, plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Ranges are to be cleaned of targets at the end of each event. Non-acceptable targets: Silhouette’s, animal targets, people targets, anything glass and no clay targets on the rifle or BB ranges.
 - d. Fire only after a release of liability form has been for each shooter.
 - e. Ensure all projectiles impact within the established range safety limits.
 - f. Ensure range flags are displayed at each range prior to live fire.
 - g. Call “Cease fire” and make safe all firearms before a shooter moves forward of the firing line or during any unsafe condition.
 - h. Call “Cease fire” if a line becomes staggered (one shooter forward of another) anywhere on the range complex.
 - i. Use appropriate ear protection.
 - j. Wear appropriate eye protection. (Prescription eye glasses qualify)
 - k. Notify RSO of Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) of any safety infractions.

- l. Police all brass, paper and other debris that accumulates on the range. Dispose of them and remove them to the proper location.
- m. No cartridge cases, ammo, clays or shot shell casings may be removed by any personnel other than the RSO, CRSO, NRA instructors or Rangers.
- n. Units using ranges, not during Shooting Sports events, must be or have an NRA certified instructor (For the discipline being utilized) or active or retired Police officer. If only an RSO is available to run said event, **NO instruction of the firearm** is permitted.
- o. Venture Crews* may shoot anything legal in the State of California. Venture Crews must take and pass the NRA basic handgun safety course prior to being able to fire handguns.

* **Instructor supplied firearms:** Firearms, legal in California, supplied by authorized NRA instructors to be determined by CRSO and SFBAC.

4. **Authorized and Prohibited Firearms.** Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts may fire BB guns only. Boy Scouts may shoot 22 caliber, single shot rifles, 20 and 12 ga shotguns and .45 to .50 caliber black powder rifles with a maximum powder charge of 45 to 50 grains respectively. Venture Crews* may shoot anything legal in the State of California after proper training. (See "o", section #3)
5. **Authorized Personnel.** The following persons are allowed to fire:
 - a. Current registered Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venture Crews, CRSO, NRA instructors and RSO's.
 - b. Personnel authorized by SFBAC or CRSO.
 - c. Volunteers invited by Rangers, provided the authorizing person is present and assumes full responsibility for the safety and conduct of same.
6. **Personnel Responsibilities.**
 - a. **Ranger, Event Director and/or Council**
 - (1) Maintain the range facility
 - (2) Ensure the council received written range schedules prior to events scheduled
 - (3) Conduct RSO training as needed using the NRA Range Safety Officer Training Program.
 - b. CRSO, Rangers and/or Event Director
 - (1) Ensure each RSO or NRA instructor understands and can execute live-fire procedures. (Live fire must be conducted in accordance with this chapter.)
 - (2) Ensure all RSO's and NRA instructors are currently certified and have their current NRA certification **in possession** at time of event. Ensure that council and rangers have a current list of all RSO's and NRA instructors on file at council office and each camp.
 - (3) Have RSO and/or NRA instructors sign out one radio, appropriate keys, required range flags, SOP binder and first aid kit.
 - (4) RSO and/or NRA instructor inspect the range after a "Cease Fire".

- c. RSO's. The council and CRSO must first approve anyone desiring to become an RSO. RSO status is accomplished by attending an RSO class given by the CRSO. Information on dates and times for these classes can be obtained by contacting the council.
- (1) Obtain the following: 'release forms', radio, first aid kit, range binder, flags and any special instructions.
 - (2) Test the radio to make sure it works.
 - (3) Conduct range inspection using the check list, Outdoor Range Appendix (1) Shotgun Range Appendix (3).
 - (4) Ensure that **at least two individuals** (RSO+ one other adult) are on the range at all times.
 - (5) Conduct range safety briefing using Appendix (4).
 - (6) Conduct live fire in accordance with section 6 (d) of this chapter. Failure of shooters to abide by the procedures listed in section 6 (d) will result in immediate eviction from the range and possible suspension of future shooting privileges. Report all incidents to the CRSO and council.
 - (7) Notify event director and/or Rangers by radio when live fire is finished and request a range inspection.
 - (8) Clean all firearms and turn in all equipment.

d. Scouts.

- (1) All shooters must check in with designated RSO or NRA instructor on scheduled range.
- (2) All shooters or guardians of shooters must fill out liability release forms.
- (3) Shooters will conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times.
- (4) Firearms that are out of their case and not being fired must be benched. (Actions open and facing up, chambers empty, muzzles pointing down range and safeties on.)
- (5) Only load firearms on the firing line after RSO or NRA instructor has given the command to load.
- (6) Do not point firearms at anything other than authorized targets.
- (7) Fire only at your own target!
- (8) Give the command to "Cease Fire" if an unsafe condition exists.
- (9) Follow all instructions from the RSO or NRA instructor.
- (10) Assist in cleaning the area of brass and any other debris.
- (11) No pets are allowed on the range complex!

7. **Hours of Operation and Scheduling.** The SFBAC develops a special event live-fire schedule based on requests received. All other range requests will be approved based on range availability. RSO's and/or NRA instructors desiring

to open a range must notify the council in order to be placed on the operations schedule.

8. **Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs.** Shooters may not consume alcoholic beverages or drugs (including prescriptions and over the counter medications) before or during live firing. The RSO and/or NRA instructor at their discretion will deny access to anyone they feel is a danger to themselves or others on the range.
9. **Medical Support.** In the event of a medical emergency, take charge of the situation, secure the range, stabilize the victim and notify the Ranger immediately, direct medical help to victim, take notes, talk to witnesses and file an incident report.