

## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

### SHOTGUN RANGE

#### **J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation & Bashore Scout Reservation**

For the requirements refer to the Boy Scouts of America National Shooting Sports Manual for the rules on the level of shooting that you are doing. Most of our shooting is done as level 2. Below are additions or clarifications. You are responsible to meet the requirements for the level of shooting that you are doing.

#### **Range Opening Inspections:**

- All equipment must be inspected daily before use. Any equipment deemed unsafe should be immediately taken out of service and reported to the Camp Ranger.
- Physical range must be inspected daily before use. Any situation deemed unsafe requires the range to be immediately shut down and the range is not to be reopened until the situation is corrected. Any unsafe condition should be immediately documented using a BSA Incident Report Form and be reported to the Camp Ranger and Council Shooting Sports Chair immediately so they can be involved in assessing and correcting the situation.

#### **Minimum Participant Age:**

- No person under age 11 is allowed to participate.

#### **Ammunition:**

Ammunition NOT ALLOWED includes: slug rounds, buck shot, heavy shot, steel shot, bismuth shot, tracer, high brass, magnum loads, shot size larger than #8, shells longer than 2 3/4" inch, or loads larger than 1 1/8 ounce. No reloaded ammunition is allowed.

Acceptable ammunition includes all target and game loads with lead #8 shot or smaller, 1 1/8 ounce or lighter only.

#### **Shotguns:**

B.S.A. National recommends that youth- and adult-sized 20, 16, or 12 gauge gas-operated semi-automatic shotguns are used.

#### **Shooter to Instructor Ratio:**

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B.S.A. National rules mandate a 1 on 1 shotgun shooting (1 shooter to 1 NRA instructor). 1 instructor can work with two shooters at a time if the shooter platforms are close together and only one shotgun is loaded at a time. The instructor must stay with the shooter while the shell is loaded, the action is closed, the shot is fired, the action is opened and the action is cleared, before they move to the second shooter. The two shooters must both use the same ammunition.

**Range Rules:**

B.S.A. rules require no more than 1 shell in a firearm at a time. The shell is to be loaded when the instructor hands it to the shooter.

Only the ammunition type for the firearm being used is allowed to be open and on the line.

Acceptable targets are flying clay "birds" expelled by trap machines, or hand thrown. Targets of paper are not to be used, except by direction of an NRA Instructor or an RSO. Targets that could cause a ricochet are not permitted (i.e.-Glass, steel, etc.). Targets that explode are not permitted. No human silhouette/shaped targets may be used including zombie targets.

Instructor may restrict or expand the firearm type during practices or shoots.

Eye and ear protection is important and is required by all persons on the range during live fire. This also includes spectators in the ready area.

Actions are to be open and safety on at all times except when on the line and ready to shoot. Shotguns not in use must have an open chamber indicator inserted which is visible from chamber to muzzle.

Police your empty shells and other trash when finished shooting. Then place in proper trash containers.

Pick up unbroken clay birds and smash broken clays to aid in decomposition.

Cub Scout-Webelos Scouts are not permitted to participate in any firearm shooting of shotguns.