

## STANDARD OPERATION PROCEDURES

### RIFLE RANGE-SMALLBORE .22 CALIBER RIFLE

#### 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:**

All ammunition must be .22 long or .22 long rifle rim fire cartridges only. No other ammunition may be used.

#### **Rifle:**

.22-caliber rimfire, bolt-action rifles. Either a breech-loading, single-shot, bolt-action rifle or a repeater bolt-action rifle with a **box magazine only** can be used. Tubular or high capacity magazines (holding more than 10 rounds) are not allowed. If magazines are used, the range commands must include "magazines out after firing all rounds" to ensure the firing line is safe after all shots are fired. This now means that a Scout can load more than one round directly into the box magazine to shoot. Trigger pull will be three pounds.

#### **Range Rules:**

Shooting at targets that are thrown into the air is prohibited.

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

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

Acceptable targets are paper, bull's-eye, competition paper targets, or aluminum cans and soft plastic bottles suspended from a string so not to cause a ricochet; also steel spinners targets that are commercially available are permitted, as long as they are placed at a safe distance. Targets that shatter, explode, or could cause a ricochet are not permitted (i.e.-glass, CD/DVD disc, etc.). No human silhouette/shaped targets may be used including zombie targets.

Police your brass, targets, and other trash when finished shooting. Then place trash in proper trash containers.

All RSO and Instructor range commands must be followed by all shooters, and spectators.

RSOs and Instructors will be identified by wearing bright colored vests.

Horse play of any kind is not permitted on range and can lead to being immediately expelled from the range. (Remember the buddy rule)

Spectators are not permitted to talk to or to heckle shooters on the line at any time, and are not to carry on conversations when the range is in use for safety reasons.

Shooters are not to talk to each other as this can lead to distractions and waste of their allotted shooting time.

Shooters are to fire at their own targets only (example shooter 3 doesn't shoot at shooter 4's target).

Cub Scouts & Webelos Scouts are not permitted to participate in any firearm shooting of .22 rifles.