

SCSA Buffalo Gun Range SOP's

1. **Unlock padlock on iron gate to Controlled Ranges. Flip "Buffalo Rifle" sign to open on sign at right of gate. Leave gate open.**
2. **Safety First**
 - a. **Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.**
 - b. **Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**
 - c. **Always keep the firearm unload until ready to use.**
3. **Obey all RSO commands.**
4. **Eye and ear protection must be worn at all times.**
5. **Safe muzzle direction (down range, up, down) must be maintained at all times when handling a firearm.**
6. **Actions must be open and guns unloaded everywhere except on the firing line.**
7. **When moving a firearm to or off the firing line, it will be unloaded, the action open, preferably with a chamber flag or blow tube in place and the muzzle in a safe direction.**
8. **Firearms may be stored in closed cases, unloaded with the action closed.**
9. **Loading of guns must be done with firearm on cross sticks and loaded guns remain on cross sticks.**
10. **In rotational firing, chambers may be loaded no more than two shooters ahead, and action remains open until preceding shooter's turn is called.**
11. **Firing line runs from base of berm on west to designated post eastward approximately 60 feet, and is approximately 10 feet in front of the benches.**
12. **All muzzles should be within two (2) feet, front to back from each other on the firing line.**
13. **When the firing line is closed for any reason requiring people to go down range (target painting, repair) all firearms are to come off the line and be safely stored. A designated RSO will watch the firing line to keep it safe, and assure all personnel are safely behind the line before re-opening. No handling of firearms when people are down range**
14. **Shoot only designated targets colored black (may have white center spot)**
15. **Paper targets must be approved by SCSA Silhouette Director prior to use.**
16. **After shot, open action, unload. All sight adjustments, blow tubing, wiping, should be done with gun on sticks if possible.**

17. When establishing shooting position, the muzzle should not break the horizon behind target area.
18. Electronic equipment (cell phones, wind meters, computers, etc.) are not allowed on the firing line during a match.
19. One small mechanical wind indicator (flag, thread) may be present on the firing line adjacent to the shooter.
20. Only non-jacketed, lead bullets are to be used on the Buffalo Silhouette targets. Gas checks are allowed.
21. Shooters should sign in at designated sign in sheet/box.
22. Safe muzzle direction must be maintained when cleaning a firearm.
23. Shooting stools may be utilized as long as they provide a stable shooting position.
24. Shade umbrellas may be used provided they are stable and do not distract adjacent shooters.
25. Food consumption is not allowed on the firing line.
26. Smoking is not allowed on the firing line, if a muzzle-loader or paper cartridges are in use.
27. In case of an emergency, the designated RSO will take charge, and give directions.
 - a. First Aid Kit – A first aid kit, including trauma equipment is located in the metal box on the side of the building. An AED is located in the Clubhouse behind the counter. If any first aid items are used, notify SCSA Caretaker so they may be replaced.
 - b. In case of a serious injury, call 911. If there is no cell service, you will have to leave the shooting area to get cell coverage. Make sure someone is designated to meet the ambulance at the gate. If people are available, it is advised to have someone located at the intersection of Solder Creek Road and Keystone Road to provide directions to the EMS.
 - c. Any serious injuries should be reported to the Silhouette Director, Caretaker, Chief RSO or any SCSA Board member, with details of incident date, people involved, contact information of those involved. An incident report should be written up.
28. When closing and leaving the range, visually check other ranges (Muzzleloader, Long Range, Pistol Pit and College) to make sure shooters have not taken advantage of the open controlled range gate and are shooting without appropriate RSO supervision.
29. Lock the metal Controlled Range gate (unless other controlled ranges are being used) and flip the “Buffalo Rifle” sign to closed.