



Sheridan County Sportsmen's Association

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PISTOL PIT COMPLEX

Standard Operating Procedure

1. An SCSA RSO, having authorization from the SCSA Pistol Director, must be present and in charge whenever the Pistol Pit Complex is in use.
2. Unlock padlock on iron gate to Controlled Ranges. Flip "Pistol Pit" sign to open on sign at right of gate. Leave gate open.
3. Put up "Eyes & Hearing" protection sign near firing line.
4. Eye and hearing protection must be worn by all shooters and any other persons present at the range when the range is hot unless they are within a closed vehicle (windows and doors closed).
5. All shooters must sign in on the sheet located in the white metal box.
6. Safety Considerations:
 - a. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
 - b. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
 - c. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
 - d. All items falling to the ground (magazines, unfired ammunition, brass, etc.) should be left on the ground until the firearm is made safe (magazine removed & action open) and set on table. Do not bend over to retrieve items with a firearm (loaded or unloaded) in your hand.
 - e. A shooter should not move in front of the firing line to retrieve dropped items until the line is made safe and permission is given by the RSO.
 - f. Loaded firearms should be held by the shooter. A loaded firearm should not be set on the table.
 - g. All shooters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
 - h. Follow all commands given by the RSO.
7. Ammunition – Shooting in the Pistol Pit Complex is limited to "pistol caliber" firearms only. This can include both handguns and carbines. Use of conventional pistol caliber cartridges or bottle neck cartridges with a muzzle velocity exceeding 1650 fps must be approved by the Pistol Director or their authorized representative prior to use.
 - a. The plate racks located on the left side of the Pit are limited to 22 long rifle firearms only.
 - b. The plate racks located on the right side of the Pit are limited to centerfire ammunition only.

- c. Make sure the centerfire ammunition does not create divots on the centerfire plates or targets. All full house magnum loads (357, 41, and 44) can damage the targets, hinges, or rack. Full house 44 magnum loads are not allowed, and any 357 or 41 magnum loads should be test fired at a plate to check for acceptability.
 - d. Shooting at the 50-yard silhouettes must not create divots or damage the targets. These targets can take heavier ammunition, but ensure no damage is occurring.
8. There are portable target stands which can be used to attach paper targets to for sighting purposes. Make sure any used paper targets are removed after use and that the portable target stand(s) are returned to the original storage area.
9. Shooters will use the steel targets provided by SCSA. Use of personal steel targets is allowed only with prior permission from the Pistol Director or their authorized representative.
10. Steel targets must be placed at least 10 yards downrange from the Green Firing Line.
11. The painting scheme for the targets is: Black for 50-yard silhouettes, White for falling plates except Stop plates which are Red and Green. Changing the paint scheme is not allowed without prior approval of the Pistol Director or their authorized representative.
12. The RSO controls firing line safety and firing sequence with safety foremost.
13. All shooting will take place at the designated firing line (Green Line). Those seeking to shoot at other distances within the pits will need prior approval from the Pistol Director or their authorized representative.
 - a. Rules governing "Forward Shooting" can be found in the Forward of the Line Rules.
14. All shooting will be initiated from the "ready" or "low ready" position. Drawing from holsters is only allowed with prior approval from the Pistol Director or their authorized representative.
15. Once the shooting session is completed make sure the facility is clear of trash and make sure any supplies are stored back in the white metal box or storage buildings.
16. First Aid Kit – A first aid kit, including trauma equipment, is in the metal toolbox. An AED is in the Clubhouse behind the counter. If any first aid items are used, notify the Range Director so they may be replaced.
 - a. In case of a serious injury, call 911. You will likely have to leave the Pit 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 Soldier Creek Road and Keystone Road to provide directions to the EMS personnel.
 - b. Any serious injuries must be reported immediately to the Pistol Director, Caretaker, or any SCSA Executive Committee member with details of incident date, people involved, and contact information of those involved. An incident report must be written up.
17. Pick up all centerfire brass and place any unwanted brass in the marked container in the white box.

18. Do not leave unfired cartridges on the ground. Place unfired rounds in the marked container in the white box. These will be disposed of properly.
19. Visually check other Controlled Ranges (Muzzleloader, Long Range, Buffalo Rifle, etc.) to make sure shooters have not taken advantage of the open Controlled Range gate and are shooting without appropriate RSO supervision.
20. Lock the metal Controlled Range gate (unless other Controlled Ranges are being used) and flip the "Pistol Pit" sign to closed.
21. The Northern Wyoming Community College District (NWCCD) may use the SCSA Pistol Pit Complex for instruction of classes in accordance with:
 - a. SCSA Pistol Director authorization.
 - b. An active SCSA Executive Committee approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SCSA and NWCCD.NWCCD must abide by all requirements of this SOP while using the Pistol Pit Complex except that they may use range commands and perform training exercises as defined within the Document "NWCCD Range Commands and Hot Range Courses of Fire – September 2022". The Document will be kept on file with the SCSA CRSO and at the SCSA Pistol Pit Complex for RSO reference.