



EXHIBIT C

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR NCWRC

INDOOR SHOOTING RANGES



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NCWRC SHOOTING RANGE PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT: It is the goal of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to maintain and operate a safe shooting environment for our state's sportsmen and recreational shooters, as well as provide a controlled and organized shooting environment for youth education.



I. PURPOSE

The procedures outlined in this document provide standards and guidelines for operation of North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) shooting ranges to promote a safe environment for staff and patrons.

II. RANGE STAFF

The job duties described in this SOP are intended as a guide for range staff to manage the operation of a NCWRC public shooting range. Safe operation shall be the goal of all North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission shooting range staff.

SHOOTING SPORTS COORDINATOR: The Shooting Sports Coordinator (SSC) shall supervise all shooting range staff. The SSC shall also review and approve all shooting range development projects, existing range modifications, changes in range use, and range closures. The SSC will act as a liaison between the Engineering and Lands Management Division and the Education Division. The SSC will approve all signage used, maintain updated standard operating procedures, and memorandum of understanding with cooperative third parties.

RANGE SAFETY OFFICER: Each range shall have at least one Range Safety Officer (RSO). The RSO shall: oversee activities of patrons on ranges and any other work as required. RSOs shall perform all duties with a professional demeanor at all times, particularly when addressing patrons and potential violations.

III. DAILY OPERATION

The following tasks shall be completed by the RSO each day that the shooting range is open to the public:

1. Complete the Daily Inspection Checklist (Appendix A) to ensure the range is in order for opening. Refer to Section 15.0 for maintenance issues requiring further assistance.
2. Open the range.
3. Check in all patrons. Recite the safety briefing, including all range rules and operations, to all patrons.

NOTE: The RSO shall advise all patrons during check-in that all firearms must be cased.

4. Assign each patron a firing lane.
5. Call ranges HOT and COLD and ensure the HOT/COLD sign or light reflects the range's current state. (HOT and COLD range definition referenced in Sect. 10.0).



6. Replace broken target stands as needed.
7. Ensure all patrons are handling firearms safely.
8. Periodically inspect all ranges.
9. Ensure all trash and brass are picked up and collect target stands.
10. Lock all buildings and gates when leaving the range.

PATRON MISCONDUCT: The on duty RSO shall use their best discretion when handling patron misconduct. The RSO has the right to dismiss patrons from the range property anytime the patron is uncooperative or compromises the safety of other patrons. If a patron is displaying unsafe behavior and is not cooperative when asked to leave, the RSO shall contact local law enforcement. Any time a patron is removed from the range the RSO is required to notify the SSC and log the incident in the incident report form (Appendix B).

IV. GENERAL RANGE RULES AND INFORMATION

All general range rules and information shall be posted at each range. RSOs shall review all range information with all patrons during the range safety briefing.

FIREARM SAFETY: Every firearm shall be treated as if it is loaded. The muzzle of any firearm shall always be pointed in a safe direction. Patrons shall keep their finger off the trigger until they are ready to shoot. Firearms shall be kept unloaded until patrons are on the firing line and ready to shoot.

FIREARM HANDLING: All firearms shall be cased. No firearms shall be carried into the range office uncased.

PATRON SIGN IN: All shooters and visitors shall check in with the front desk before entering the range.

RULES AND COMMANDS: Patrons shall follow the rules and commands of hot range, cold range, and cease fire exactly as directed by the Range Safety Officer.

LOADED FIREARMS: Loaded firearms are only allowed on the firing line when the range is HOT.

MUZZLE SWEEPING: Muzzle sweeping of fellow patrons or staff could result in removal from range property, if behavior is not immediately corrected.

UNSAFE FIREARMS/ACTIONS: Any action deemed unsafe by the RSO is not allowed.

HORSEPLAY POLICY: Due to the serious nature of shooting sports no "horseplay" is allowed at NCWRC shooting ranges. Patrons partaking in "horseplay", as identified by the RSO, shall be asked to leave the premises immediately.

DIRECTION OF FIRE: No shooting is allowed into the side walls.



FIREARM CONTROL: Rapid fire is not permitted, and patrons shall completely control their firearm when shooting. Any loss of control of the firearm is unsafe and will result in a verbal warning from the RSO. If firearm control does not improve, the patron will be asked to leave the range.

EYE AND EAR PROTECTION: Staff and patrons are **REQUIRED** to wear eye and ear protection **at all times**. The noise produced from shooting firearms can cause hearing damage and firearm discharge can emit debris and hot gas that can cause eye injury. NCWRC will provide eye and ear protection for staff.

RANGE ATTIRE: For safety reasons, staff and patrons shall not wear open-toed shoes, low-cut shirts, or any attire that presents a safety hazard. If the patrons attire presents a safety hazard the RSO should address the issue and recommend change of clothing. Patrons not wearing appropriate attire will not be allowed on the firing line.

CLEANUP: Patrons shall clean up the area around their shooting lane before leaving the range. All brass, trash and used targets, etc. must be picked up and disposed of in trash receptacles. All target stands shall be returned to the firing line.

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES: Staff and patrons under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall not be permitted on the range property. The following are prohibited while on the range property: eating, drinking, smoking, vaping, illicit drugs, and alcohol. Patrons in violation of this prohibition shall be asked to leave the range property immediately. The RSO should notify law enforcement if the person's behavior raises a safety concern.

PROHIBITED FIREARMS: Fully automatic firearms and automatic simulated firearms are prohibited on the ranges. Automatic simulated firearms include, but are not limited to, bump stock firearms and firearms equipped with binary triggers. 50 caliber Browning Machine Gun rifles are not allowed.

AMMUNITION: Patrons shall use the correct ammunition for their firearm. Most firearms have the ammunition type stamped on the barrel. Ammunition can be identified by information printed on the box or stamped on the cartridge. The on duty RSO should assist patrons with identifying the appropriate ammunition if needed.

AMMUNITION LIMITATIONS: Tracer ammunition, incendiary ammunition, armor piercing ammunition, steel core ammunition, and any other item deemed unsafe by the RSO shall not be used.

DEFECTED ROUNDS: Rounds that do not fire shall be deposited in the "dud round" container located under the firing lane shooting shelter.

BRASS COLLECTION: During the range safety briefing the RSO shall inform the patrons of their responsibility to collect their spent cartridges before leaving the range. At the end of each day the RSO shall collect any spent cartridges left on the firing lane and any cartridges around the range shelter. To avoid air quality issues on the range, brooms are prohibited for brass



collection. The RSO shall instruct patrons to collect spent cartridges by using squeegee tools and collection pans provided.

CONCEALED CARRY: Concealed handguns shall remain in the patron's vehicle or be cased and brought to the range.

PAPER TARGETS: Only paper targets shall be used on NCWRC shooting ranges. Patrons shall supply their own paper targets. Paper targets shall be attached to the provided target stands.

STEEL TARGETS: No steel is permitted on the indoor range.

TARGET STANDS: Only target stands provided by the range are permitted.

FIREARM MAINTENANCE: RSO's shall observe each patron's ability to use their firearm and encourage patrons to learn how their firearm operates prior to bringing it to the range. RSO's should know the basic parts of any firearm, how to safely open and close the action, and remove any ammunition from the firearm or magazine.

RANGE USE: All ranges are specific to one type of use. Any non-specified use of a range shall be approved and controlled by the RSO.

SHOOTING UNACCOMPANIED: Shooting shall not commence until a RSO is present and the range is called HOT.

STAFF FIREARM RESPONSIBILITIES: While on duty, staff members shall not carry a firearm.

STAFFING: At least one NCWRC employee shall be on site when the range is open to the public.

SHOOTING DURING BUSY OPERATION: Patrons may only shoot for 1 hour continually while other patrons are waiting. The RSO shall note the start time of each patron during busy operation. After each one-hour session, patrons may reenter the waitlist.

VIOLATION OF RULES: Violation of range rules are grounds for immediate expulsion from the range at the discretion of the RSO.

YOUTH PATRONS:

12YEARS OF AGE TO 17 YEARS OF AGE: All patrons 12 years of age to 17 years of age may participate in shooting activity under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian 18 years of age or older. If the supervising adult is accompanied by more than one minor (12 to 17 years of age), the supervising adult must control all accompanying minors.

NC Gen Stat § 14-316 (a): It shall be unlawful for any parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis, to knowingly permit his child under the age of 12 years to have the possession, custody or use in any manner whatever, any gun, pistol or other dangerous firearm, whether such weapon be loaded or unloaded, except when such child is under the supervision of the parent, guardian or person standing in loco parentis. It shall be unlawful for any other person to knowingly furnish such child any weapon enumerated herein. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.



V. RIFLE RANGE RULES AND INFORMATION

All rifle range rules and information shall be posted at each rifle range. RSOs shall review relevant information with all patrons during the range safety briefing.

LONG RANGE PISTOLS SHOOTING ON RIFLE RANGES: Patrons may request to use the rifle range for extended distance practice with long range pistols.

VI. PISTOL RANGE RULES AND INFORMATION

All pistol range rules and information shall be posted at each pistol range. RSOs shall review relevant information with all patrons during the range safety briefing.

DRAWING FROM HOLSTER: Drawing from a holster and firing is not allowed on the ranges.

VII. RANGE SAFETY

All ranges operate as a **COLD** range. When the range is COLD, ammunition shall not be chambered. Shooting shall not commence until patrons are assigned to a firing lane, and the firing line is called **HOT**.

COLD RANGE: During a COLD range, firearms shall be benched with the action open or slide locked to the rear. Patrons shall step behind the cold line and await further instructions from the RSO. After the firing line is rendered safe, patrons may go down range to retrieve targets or hang new targets. Patrons shall not case or uncase a firearm during a cold range. Absolutely no firearm handling is permitted during a COLD range. All patrons shall be either downrange at the targets, or behind the cold line.

COLD RANGE PROCEDURE

1. When the RSO announces "Range is COLD" patrons shall stop shooting immediately, remove magazines, unload their firearm, ensure the chamber is empty, and lock the action to the rear.
2. Patrons shall place firearms on the bench with muzzles pointed downrange, or in a rack with muzzles pointing up.
3. Before anyone moves downrange, all patrons shall move behind the blue cold line and acknowledge the range is COLD verbally or visually to the RSO.
4. The RSO shall flip the range sign from HOT to COLD.
5. The RSO shall remove the rope or barrier and allow patrons to walk down range to check targets.
6. The RSO may assign new patrons to a firing lane during a COLD range; however, patrons shall not bring their firearms to the assigned lane until the range is called HOT.



7. Brass forward of the firing line may be picked up during a COLD range, but the patron collecting the brass shall then return behind the blue cold line without stopping at the shooting bench.
8. Anyone handling a firearm during a cease fire or COLD range will be asked to leave the range.

HOT RANGE: The RSO shall check to make sure everyone is behind the firing line before calling the range HOT. During a HOT range, patrons may step forward of the cold line and engage in shooting activity. No one is allowed down range of the firing line when the range is HOT.

HOT RANGE PROCEDURE

1. When everyone is behind the firing line and no one is down range, the RSO shall call the range HOT.
2. The RSO shall secure the rope or barrier keeping everyone from going down range.
3. When the RSO announces "Range is HOT", all patrons may then handle their firearms and start shooting.
4. During a HOT range the RSO may assign any new patrons to a firing lane. Patrons may uncasing their firearm during a HOT range only. When uncasing a firearm, the action shall be open and the muzzle of the firearm shall be pointed downrange.

STOPPAGES AND MALFUNCTIONS: Patrons may experience stoppages, malfunctions, misfires, and squib loads while shooting. When a patron experiences one of these problems, the RSO should watch the patron and move to a location where they can respond or react to the patron's actions. The patron should follow the instructions given during the range safety briefing. In this case, it is standard procedure for the patron to raise their non-shooting hand to alert the RSO that assistance is needed while keeping the firearm pointed down range. If the patron handles their firearm in an unsafe manner, the RSO shall intervene and assist in correcting the issue.

- **Stoppage** - an unintentional interruption in the operational cycle of a firearm, which stops the firearm from operating properly. A stoppage can be cleared quickly by pulling the bolt or slide to the rear, which will open the action of the firearm, allowing the user to clear the stoppage. Examples include stove-pipes, a bolt failing to lock a cartridge into position, and double feeds.
- **Malfunction** - when a firearm fails to function as designed, or fire satisfactorily. There are two categories of malfunctions: firearm malfunctions (misfire), and ammunition malfunctions (hang fire). A misfire occurs when a cartridge does not fire after the primer has been struck by the firing pin. A hang fire is a perceptible delay in the ignition of a cartridge after the primer has been struck by the firing pin. Standard procedure for correcting either of these malfunctions is to keep the firearm pointed downrange and wait at least 30 seconds to ensure the patron is not experiencing a hang fire. After waiting 30 seconds the patron should remove the cartridge from the firearm.



- Squib load - occurs when there is less than normal pressure or bullet velocity after ignition of the cartridge. The bullet may exit the barrel, or the bullet may be lodged in the barrel. Squib loads are identified by the difference in recoil and noise. The normal procedure for handling squib loads is as follows: stop firing immediately, keep firearm pointed down range, unload the firearm and make sure the chamber is empty, insert a cleaning rod down the barrel from the chamber end to ensure the bullet is not lodged in the barrel.
- Muzzleloader misfire - a muzzleloader misfire occurs when there is a delayed discharge due to a hang fire. While keeping the muzzle of the firearm pointed down range, wait a minimum of **TWO MINUTES** to ensure the firearm does not have a delayed discharge. Remove the cap or check the flint. Clear the flash channel to ensure the flash will reach the powder, then recap or prime. Attempt to fire and repeat the above step to ensure there is not a delayed discharge. If the firearm still fails to fire, use a hand-held CO2 discharger to blow the load down range. There are adapters designed to fit every type of muzzle loader. Check the bore of a load (insert ramrod into barrel to check if there is already a load in the barrel). Place the hammer of the firearm in half-cock position for loading. Stand the firearm on the ground between your legs so that the muzzle is pointed up and away from your body.

VIII. RANGE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

MINOR MEDICAL ISSUES: A First Aid Kit in a sealed box shall be mounted in the office and at each range. First aid kit supplies can be offered to patrons for minor medical issues including blisters, hotspots, or small cuts. The RSO should always refrain from giving any medication or medical advice to the injured patron.

CRITICAL INJURY: Once made aware of a critical medical injury the RSO shall immediately announce **"Cease Fire" and all ranges shall become COLD.**

- All firearms shall be cleared and benched and the range should be closed immediately.
- The RSO shall assess the situation and determine the seriousness of the injury.
- The RSO or a patron shall call 911.
- The RSO shall direct a patron to stand at the front gate to assist emergency personnel with locating the patient.
- The scene shall be preserved as it appeared at the time of the incident if the accident involves a gunshot injury.
- Notify the SSC of the situation. Range closure should then be reassessed.
- If range remains closed, the RSO should require remaining patrons to leave the premises.
- The RSO shall complete the incident report sheet.



- The SSC shall file copies of the incident report form with records as appropriate.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON MEDICAL INCIDENTS: RSO's shall not make statements regarding any medical issue, accident, or incident to any member of the media. Media inquiries shall be referred to the SSC.

INCIDENT REPORTING: An incident report (Appendix D) shall be completed by the RSO anytime there is an injury, safety violation, or near miss.

WITNESS REPORTING: In the event of a critical medical injury, witnesses should be identified by the RSO and asked to provide their name, address and telephone number. This information shall be recorded on the incident report.

IX. EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF OCCUPATIONAL INJURY

It is the employee's responsibility to report all incidents and near misses to the SSC no later than 24 hours after the incident. An incident is an undesired event resulting in personal injury, damage to property, or loss of process or material. A near miss is an incident with no property damage and no personal injury sustained, but damage or injury could have occurred given a slight shift in time or position. All reporting forms can be found on the NCWRC intranet under the HR Forms section.

X. EMPLOYEE WELLBEING

RSO's will be exposed to gunfire noise and lead, therefore they must take precautionary measures by wearing hearing protection and practicing good hygiene.

BASELINE TESTING: Each employee shall have a baseline test of hearing and blood lead levels prior to first day of work. Results of the initial baseline tests shall be kept in the employee's personnel record.

LEAD AWARENESS: Lead can be introduced into the human body through inhalation or ingestion and builds up slowly over time. By practicing good hygiene when working or shooting on the range, lead exposure can be limited. A blood lead level test is the only accurate measure of lead in the body and shall be performed annually on employees working at shooting ranges.

INGESTION: Lead can be ingested at a shooting range due to poor hygiene habits. Through routine exposure, lead will accumulate on exposed body parts and clothing. Accumulated lead on exposed areas and clothing has the potential to be ingested during eating, drinking, smoking, applying makeup, or placing exposed areas in proximity to the face.

HYGIENE:

- No eating, drinking, use of tobacco products, applying makeup, or otherwise placing hands in proximity to the mouth and nose during range usage.
- Use D-Lead soap or wipes (provided by NCWRC) prior to eating, drinking or smoking.
- Change and wash clothing after working on the range.



- Wipe down range office door knobs, water faucet handles, refrigerator door handles, shooting benches/tables, and any other frequently used surface with D-Lead Wipes once a month to minimize lead accumulations.

XI. RANGE SECURITY

Maintaining a secure environment is essential for safe storage of range equipment.

SECURITY CHECK: The last NCWRC employee on site at the end of each workday shall perform a security check of the main office to ensure doors are locked, and of all ranges to ensure range equipment is secured. The gate shall be locked as this employee leaves the facility.

XII. MAINTENANCE

Any issue requiring earthwork, structural maintenance, and specialty skills (i.e. plumbing, electrical, HVAC, mechanical maintenance) shall be referred by the RSO to the SSC within 24 hours of detection.

XIII. OPERATIONAL DAYS AND HOURS

Operational days vary by range. Operational days and closures shall be posted on the NCWRC website, in the main office. Operational hours vary throughout calendar year.

XIV. PRESCHEDULED SPECIAL EVENTS

Special events are to be reviewed and approved by the SSC. Special events and associated range closures shall be posted on the NCWRC website.

XV. SIGNAGE

The ranges, range check-in office, parking zones, and prohibited areas shall be clearly marked with signage. All signage should be easily read and kept free of obstructions.

XVI. VEHICLE INGRESS AND RESTRICTIONS

All visitors, contractors and NCWRC personnel shall report to the main office upon arrival.

ATV'S: ATV's and bicycles are not allowed at shooting ranges, except during authorized events.

PARKING AND OVERFLOW PROCEDURE: Staff should be alert to parking concerns and not allow more vehicles on the range property than can safely park in appropriately marked spaces.

**SOP Appendix A****DAILY RANGE INSPECTION CHECKLIST**

Inspected by: _____

Date: _____

	YES	NO
Controlled Access/Fencing/Gates Closed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signs Displayed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Left and Right Range Limits Displayed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Backstop and Impact Area Inspected	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Target Frames/Mounts in Good Repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Firing Line Marked	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Firing Points Numbered/Clean	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shooting Benches and Tables Inspected	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supplies Available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Range Sign in Area cleaned	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Communications Working	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
First Aid Kit Filled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Range Rules Posted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bulletin Board Updated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ventilation/lighting working	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Empty Trash Receptacles Available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brass/Dud Buckets Labeled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wash Area Identified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lockable Storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: _____

**SOP Appendix B****INCIDENT REPORT SHEET****DATE OF INCIDENT:** _____**TIME OF INCIDENT:** _____**LOCATION OF INCIDENT:** _____**PATRON INFO:**

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Address: _____

Hospital used: _____

INCIDENT WITNESSED BY RSO:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

TYPE OF INCIDENT:

- ☐ Injury
- ☐ Safety Violation
- ☐ Near Miss
- ☐ Disgruntled Patron

911 called:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, specify responders (law enforcement, EMS) _____

SUPERVISION OF PATRON AT TIME OF INCIDENT

- ☐ Directly supervised
- ☐ Indirectly supervised
- ☐ Not supervised
- ☐ Supervision not feasible

SEVERITY OF INJURY:

- ☐ Fatality
- ☐ Medical Treatment
- ☐ First Aid

Other, Specify _____

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: _____



FIRST AID PROVIDED BY: _____

DESCRIBE FIRST AID GIVEN: _____

WITNESSES NOTED: _____

NOTES AND COMMENTS: _____

INJURY REPORT COMPLETED BY:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

SHOOTING SPORTS COORDINATOR NOTIFIED OF INCIDENT:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No



SOP Appendix C

Range Rules:

- Prior to entering the range, all patrons (shooters and spectators) must:
 1. Sign in
 2. Attend a safety briefing
 3. Complete and sign a range waiver
 4. Complete the range registration form to receive your NCWRC range pass
- The RSO may inspect firearms or ammunition for safety considerations.
- All firearms must be cased (not holstered) and unloaded when entering or leaving the range.
- Patrons must wear eye and ear protection at all times while on the range. Open-toed shoes, low-cut shirts, or any articles of clothing presenting a safety hazard are NOT permitted on the firing line.
- Patrons may be limited to 1-hour on each range at the RSO's discretion.
- Paper or cardboard targets ONLY.
- Outside target stands are NOT allowed.
- No rapid fire or uncontrolled firing on any range.
- Park in approved parking areas only.
- No animals on range property, except service animals.

The Following are Prohibited:

- **Firearms:** Fully automatic and automatic simulated, including bump stock firearms, and firearms equipped with binary triggers.
- **Targets:** Incendiary, explosive, and steel.
- **Ammunition:** .50 caliber (BMG) or greater firearms, tracer, incendiary, armor piercing, steel core, and any other ammunition deemed unsafe by the RSO.
- Holstered firearms and drawing from holsters.
- Eating, drinking, smoking, vaping, illicit drugs, and alcohol. Individuals under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol are not permitted on range property.
- Any activity that presents a safety hazard, such as climbing benches and horseplay.
- Recreational vehicles or equipment.

Age Restrictions

- **YOUTH PATRONS 12 YEARS OF AGE TO 17 YEARS OF AGE:** All patrons 12 years of age to 17 years of age may participate in shooting activity under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian 18 years of age or older. If the supervising adult is accompanied by more than one minor (12 to 17 years of age), the supervising adult must control all accompanying minors.

**When the range is "HOT", patrons may only:**

- case or uncase firearms to enter or exit the range. Firearms must be cased or uncased at the firing line with the muzzle pointed down range.
- step forward of the "Cold Line" load their firearms and engage in shooting activity.
- Shoot only from designated benches.
- Shoot only targets in your lane.
- Clean up your area, including brass and shotgun shells. Brass that falls in front of the firing line may not be collected unless authorized by the RSO.

When the range is "Cold", patrons shall:

- Place firearms on the shooting bench or in a gun rack with the firearm unloaded and the action open with an open chamber indicator inserted.
- Step behind the "Cold Line" and await further instructions from the RSO before going down range to retrieve or hang targets.
- Not move firearms on or off the range.

When "Cease Fire" is called, patrons shall:

- Stop shooting immediately.
- Keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.
- Await further instructions from the RSO.

Unsafe handling of firearms and/or failure to follow these rules may result in removal from the range.

Patrons shall follow shooting range commands called by the RSO immediately and without question.

**SOP Appendix D****ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT****NCWRC-MANAGED SHOOTING RANGES****("AGREEMENT")**

I ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND THAT SHOOTING ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ON RANGES MANAGED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "NCWRC") ARE INHERENTLY HAZARDOUS and MAY BE DANGEROUS and involve both known and unanticipated risks, which could result in damage or destruction of property and physical or emotional injury to myself or others. The risks include, but are not limited to: being shot, partial or total loss of eyesight or hearing, inhalation or other harmful contact with lead or other contaminants, physical injury, paralysis or even, death. I understand that such risks cannot be eliminated for anyone engaging in shooting activities.

I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND THAT the nature of and condition of the range facilities and premises is such that both known and unanticipated hazards exist, which may create or contribute to both known and unanticipated risks inherent in entering on to NCWRC ranges, using range facilities or even observing any activities of any kind whatsoever while at the shooting range. The hazards include but are not limited to: exposure to lead particles and lead dust, loud noises, slippery, loose, or falling soil and rocks; unimproved, unmaintained, or uneven terrain, walkways, steps and roads. I understand that such hazards and risks cannot be eliminated.

I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND THAT NCWRC has no duty to undertake first-aid or rescue operations or procedures in the event of property damage or if physical or emotional injury occurs, and that any such operations or procedures may result in compounded or increased damages or injuries.

I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND THAT NCWRC makes no warranty as to the design, manufacture, maintenance, condition or fitness for any particular purpose of any range facilities or equipment, including but not limited to: eye or hearing protection and first-aid supplies.

I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND THAT THE RANGE makes no warranty as to the design, manufacture, maintenance, condition or fitness of any firearm used by any person at the range at any time.

As lawful consideration for being permitted by NCWRC to enter NCWRC-managed shooting ranges, to use range facilities, or equipment and to engage in or observe shooting or any other activities at the range, I agree as follows:



I expressly AGREE to accept and assume any and all risks existing on the range and in entering on the range and in using range facilities or equipment and in engaging in or observing shooting and other activities at the range.

I AGREE that I, my next of kin, heirs, guardians, representatives and assigns HEREBY RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND FOREVER DISCHARGE AND AGREE NOT TO SUE NCWRC, its officers, directors, attorneys, agents, employees, contractors, volunteers, and affiliated individuals or organizations of the shooting range from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, expenses, causes of action, attachments of property, or liability of any kind whatsoever for any property damage, personal injury, or death that I, my next of kin, heirs, guardians, representatives or assigns, or anyone else may have for property damage, personal injury, or death, whether suffered by me, or by anyone else resulting from my entering on the shooting range, using range facilities or equipment, or engaging in or observing shooting and other activities at the range.

I AGREE that I, my next of kin, heirs, guardians, representatives and assigns HEREBY RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND FOREVER DISCHARGE AND AGREE NOT TO SUE NCWRC its officers, directors, attorneys, agents, employees, contractors, volunteers, and affiliated individuals even if such claims, demands, damages, expenses, causes of action, attachments of property, or liability result partially or wholly from any act or acts, even any negligent act or omission to act, including negligent or omitted first aid or rescue operations or procedures, by NCWRC.

I AGREE that I, my next of kin, heirs, guardians, representatives and assigns HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS NCWRC its officers, directors, attorneys, agents, employees, contractors, volunteers, and affiliated individuals, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, expenses, causes of action, attachments of property, or liability of any kind whatsoever, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, that I, my next of kin, heirs, guardians, representatives or assigns, or anyone else may have for property damage, personal injury, or death, whether suffered by me, or by anyone else resulting from my entering on the shooting range, using range facilities or equipment, or engaging in or observing shooting and other activities at the range, even if such claims, demands, damages, expenses, causes of action, attachments of property, or liability resulting partially or wholly from any act or acts even any negligent act or omission to act, including negligent or omitted first-aid rescue operations or procedures by NCWRC.

I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE that this Agreement shall be interpreted and enforced under the laws of the State of North Carolina, and that the venue of any action or proceeding shall be Wake County, North Carolina without regard for the conflict of law rules of the State of North Carolina.

I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE that this Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law, and that if any provision is held to be invalid or void or otherwise



unenforceable, I agree and intend that the remaining provisions or portion shall continue and remain in full legal force and effect.

I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE that it is my understanding and intent that this Agreement, and any signed written amendments or modifications to it, shall remain in full force and effect from the date of execution and ever after shall be applicable to each and every occasion that I enter on a NCWRC Range, use NCWRC Range facilities or equipment or engage in or observe shooting and other activities at a NCWRC Range.

I REPRESENT AND WARRANTY that I have read and understand the range rules and that I have viewed and understood the safety training video If applicable. I AGREE to abide by all written, video or verbal range rules while entering upon or using the shooting range for any purpose.

I FURTHER REPRESENT AND WARRANTY that I may lawfully possess firearms and ammunition and that I have no medical, physical or mental conditions that could compromise my safety and the safety of others while entering upon or using the range for any purpose.

I have carefully read this "Acknowledgment of Risk, Release, and Indemnity Agreement" and fully know its contents. I acknowledge that no other inducement, assurance or guarantee has been made to me in consideration of my signing this Agreement, which I sign voluntarily and of my own free will. I further acknowledge and agree that this Agreement may be amended or modified only by a writing signed by me and a Range officer.

I UNDERSTAND THAT BY MY SIGNATURE I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS, THAT I AM AGREEING NOT TO SUE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION AND ALL OF ITS AFFILIATES AND RELEASING AND HOLDING THEM HARMLESS OF ALL LIABILITY.

I FURTHER AGREE THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ME ON THIS FORM IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

Name_____

Signature_____Date_____

If accompanying a minor under 18:

Name of minor under 18_____

Name of parent or guardian_____

Signature of parent or guardian_____Date_____